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Petition filed in opposition to Rice Lake housing

By KELLEY BLOMBERG
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The Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) presented a petition against the proposed student-housing district on Rice Lake Road to the Duluth City Council on Monday Nov. 15.

MPIRG representatives stressed their main concern with the building of the Rice Lake housing development to be environmental issues.

"Environmental integrity is the bottom line," said Joshua Gamble, MPIRG member.

According to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Rice Lake Development, there are nine known occurrences of rare species in the area and two of those are of special concern.

"Also of concern are runoff issues," said Gamble. "The proposed development would reduce 25.9 acres of wooded forest to 4.3 acres."

Mark Lambert, owner of Summit Management, the contractor in charge of the development, stated he has intentions to manage the runoff that would be caused due to the development.

"Mr. Lambert states that he will contain and treat all runoff before it exits the 31-acre site," said Gamble. "This doesn't seem likely since he doesn't do this at his other development, Campus Park."

"After the meeting we stressed our concern of the environmental impact of the project and stated that we share the students' concerns and will make sure those concerns are addressed," said City Council Vice President, Donny Ness. "But while those concerns are important, they are not enough to put a stop to the project. At the meeting I asked that the students look at the issue in a broader context such as our need for multi-unit housing, the impact on our traditional neighborhoods, the

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Swenson Building vandalized

\$1 million in damage, \$20,000 reward offered

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

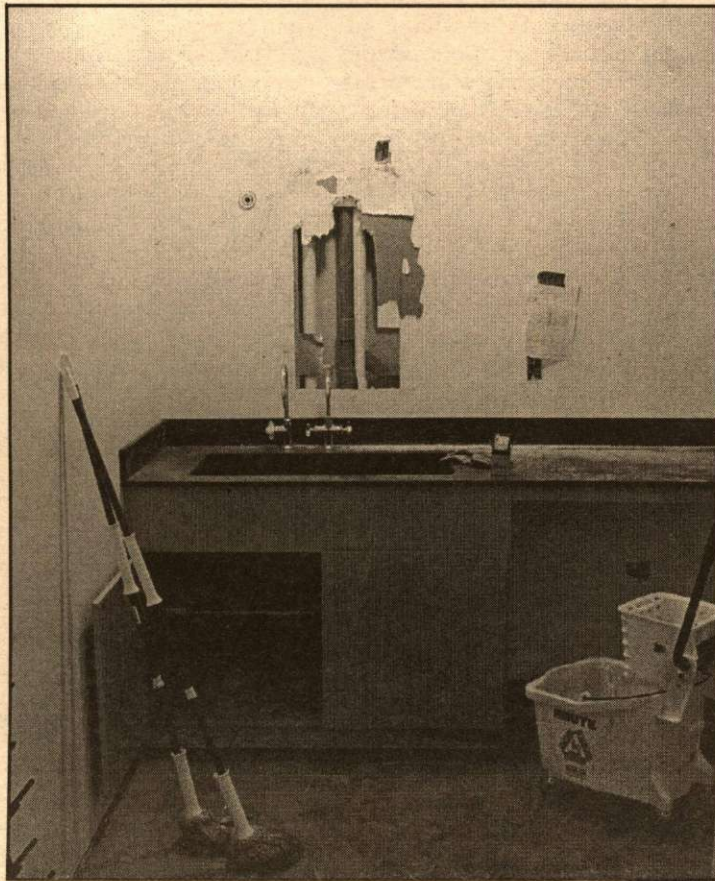
UMD Police have released a security tape of two suspects who they believe vandalized the Swenson Science building this past weekend, causing over a million dollars in damage.

The break-in was discovered Monday morning by a construction worker arriving to work around 5 a.m. The UMD police were called and investigators were sent to the scene.

The footage from a security camera shows two figures running up a staircase in the back corner of the teaching wing, near Griggs Hall section F. The figures are too far away to be identified and the media was asked to enhance the images as much as possible.

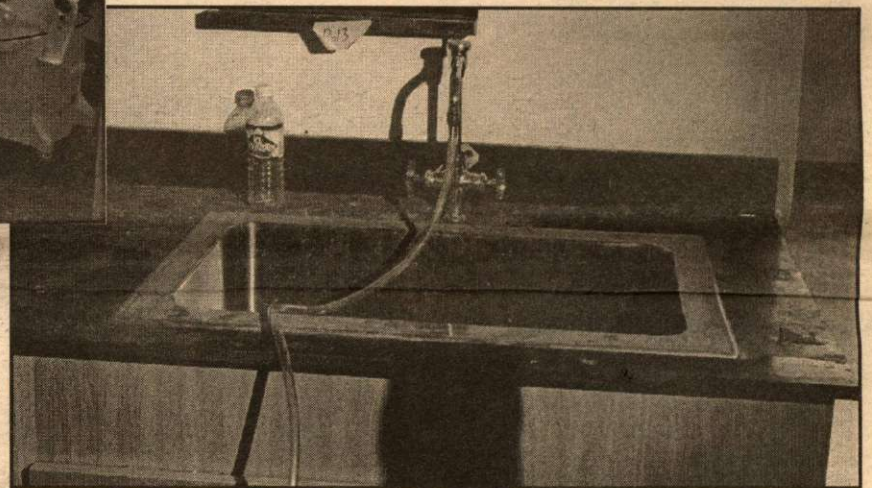
On the third floor of the research wing, the vandals took draining tubes from glass drying racks, hooked one end to the faucet and draped the other end off the countertop.

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(Top) Not only did the culprits flood the entire research wing of the building but they also put several holes in the walls with fire extinguishers and mechanical equipment. In order to flood the floors they placed a rubber hose on the spout of the faucets and hung the hoses over the sinks (Right).



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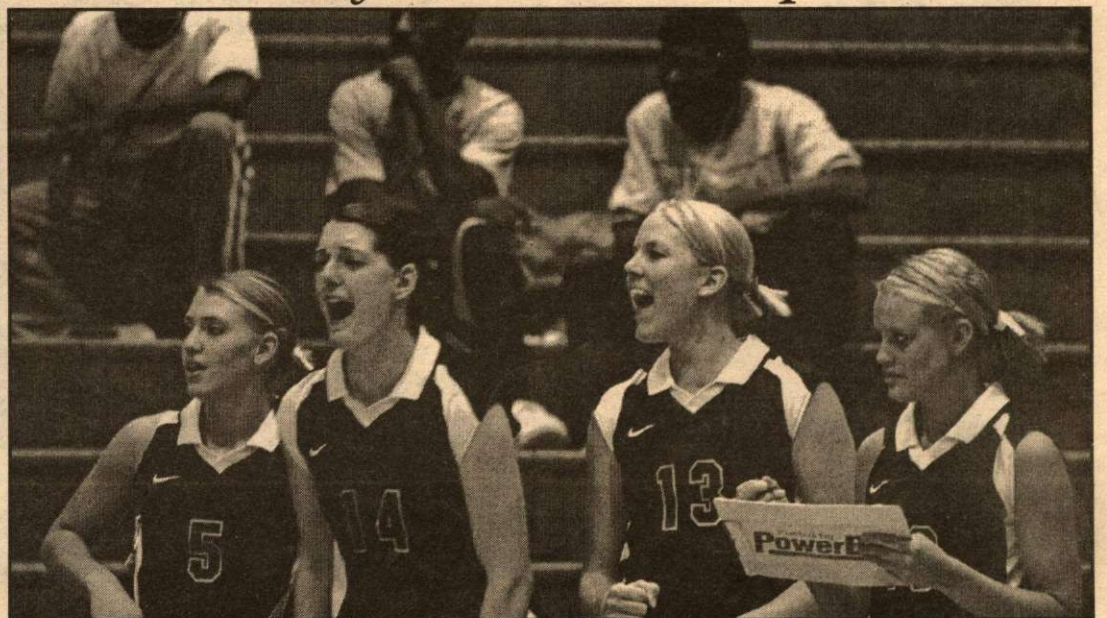
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(From left to right) Danielle Beckstrand, Michaela Wuebben, Rachel Langseth and Crystal Hoffrogge cheer on their first place team.

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Donny Ness speaks about political decisions

By KEITH GRAUMAN
STAFF REPORTER

Donny Ness spoke to a group of about 20 students on Tuesday evening about the process of decision-making in government.

He outlined three main types of decision makers and decision-making processes: principle, practical and pander.

The first decision-making style, principle, allows for politicians to vote with their hearts, values and beliefs. Politicians who make their decisions based on principle do not side with their party because of a political obligation.

President George W. Bush is an example of someone who makes decisions based on principle. "The way that the President and Carl Rove have projected George Bush is a person of great principle. Somebody who's firm, who doesn't change course," said Ness.

Issues known as "Slam dunks," as Ness called them, have "overwhelming support

but might not match the decision maker's principle or their belief in the overall public good." Many politicians will vote against their own beliefs "in order to not make waves and in their calculus they say, 'Well it won't really matter anyway, my vote won't really matter.'"

Principle decision makers often become the champions of a specific group. They stand out as fighters, people who are willing to go against the majority because of their personal beliefs or values.

Russ Feingold was the only U.S. Senator to vote against the USA Patriot Act; he did it on the grounds that it went against his principles. Many Senators voted for the USA Patriot Act because there was such a strong majority for it, speculated Ness. Feingold knew the circumstances but voted against it anyway.

The second type of decision maker is one that votes on practicality, Ness called them the, "Worker bees of represen-

tative government." They strive to make compromises between two conflicting sides. They realize that often one group can't have their way, so they try to come to an agreement that both sides can accept.

Practical decision-making does not work well with issues that are already completely polarized, like abortion or capital punishment. It is better suited for situations where one can step back and view what is going on from an unbiased and neutral point of view in order to come up with a compromise.

The final decision-making style is those who pander to a specific organization or group.

The groups can be as small as a specific corporation or as big as a major city. Panderers change their message according to what group they are addressing.

A panderer's main concern is the political impact of each decision. They are always thinking about re-election and whether or not their base will

agree with their decision.

"Although we may dislike the idea of pandering, we sure enjoy it when elected officials pander to us," said Ness.

The average person does not look at political decisions and think about who they're pandering to. "That takes a great deal of energy, and the majority of people say, 'you know, that's all right that's just politics, it happens all the time,'" said Ness.

Most politicians do not keep to one type of decision-making. In fact, it's good to balance the three out. There are appropriate times for each, said Ness.

Ness made it abundantly clear that he is not going to run for Jim Oberstar's seat in the Congress when he decides to retire. As Oberstar's campaign manager, Ness has seen the life Oberstar lives. Half of his time spent in Washington and half in the district. "My interest is in the city of Duluth," said Ness.

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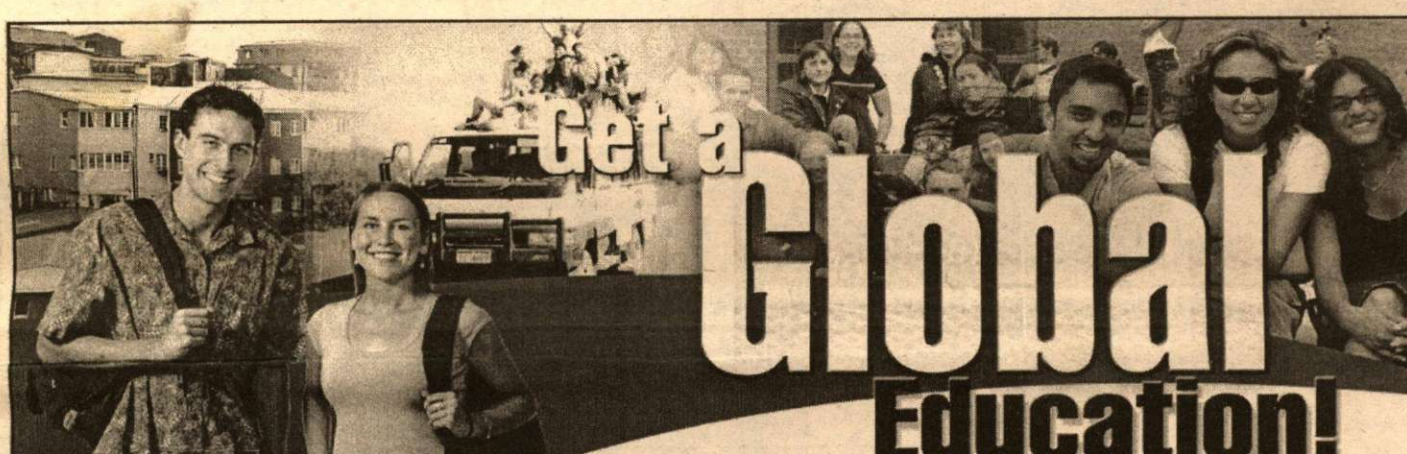
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'Deuce' program would provide \$2 taxi rides

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

At the Student Association (SA) Congress meeting on Monday the possibility of a \$2 taxi service for University of Minnesota Duluth students was discussed among other issues.

The SA and Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations Greg Fox discussed the possibility of bringing the "Deuce" program to UMD, which would provide \$2 taxi rides to students.

"At North Dakota State, their student government has negotiated a deal with the cab

companies up there to basically give students cheap taxi rides, \$2, from any business to a home or any home to a business, so they don't have to drive," said Drew Sandquist vice president of SA administration and finance.

"We're trying to get that rolling here. Vice Chancellor Fox told us a bit of information he'd gotten because he's been in contact with North Dakota State and all of the employees and what they're doing over there. He kind of told us how we could go about doing it," added Sandquist.

SA members say that the "Deuce" program is at the top of their list of initiatives.

"Right now that's our number one priority," said Brian Stewart, SA president. "How many of the [other] things can

actually save lives? None, except for this. And this is something that could actually really help, really make a difference, a serious difference, so this is something that we think we can do."

Stewart says the administration has been very supportive of the "Deuce" program.

"They're very positive about it," said Stewart. "One of the things that really helped, I think, is just by coincidence this idea kind of came up around the time that [Grant Geiselhart] died. Something like that always kind of gives a push to an initiative like this.

"Maybe if this program was around he would have taken a cab and he would have made it home; you can never tell," he said.

Stewart said that he would like to have the "Deuce" program at UMD by the beginning of next year. According to Sandquist, the program would cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000 per year.

SWENSON BUILDING VANDALIZED

Fox also discussed the recent vandalism to the Swenson Science building during the

meeting. He said the damage is estimated to be around \$1 million and also mentioned that there is a \$20,000 reward for any information that leads to an arrest.

"Someone turned on all the faucets on the third floor," said Sandquist. "By the time they discovered it at 5 a.m. the next day, the first and second floors also had standing water in them."

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Another item on the agenda was electing a new vice president of SA Student Af-

fairs. UMD sophomore Tiffany Varilek defeated senior Jenna Tape in a secret ballot vote for the position.

The position was vacated by the resignation of Kacy Jacobs, according to Sandquist.

"I'm excited that now I have a role, like a level of responsibility in the organization," said Varilek. "Now I kind of feel a reason to be in it and I'm excited."

SA members say that age was a factor in the decision to elect Varilek.

"This was Jenna's last year and a lot of our executive posi-

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Bergson reflects on first year as Duluth Mayor

Homelessness, housing development are among his concerns

By AUDREY KUNERT
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

One year after being elected as Duluth Mayor, Herb Bergson is looking back on his first 10 months in office and evaluating the city's most urgent needs.

Bergson defeated Charlie Bell in the 2003 mayoral race and took office in January of this year. He described his first months as Duluth's mayor as "pretty enjoyable."

"I've met thousands of new people and made many new friends," Bergson said. "I've especially enjoyed getting to know some of the people in the minority community."

He added that he has also enjoyed visiting schools in low-income areas.

"Despite the fact they don't have much, those children are so full of energy and so sweet," Bergson said. "Their needs are so simple and I really enjoy that."

Bergson, who served two terms as mayor in Superior, said his old job was much different than his current job.

"This job is much busier and much more time consuming," he said. "There are no days to just relax. There's always an important meeting or important decision to make."

However, he said the role of mayor in Superior was not a task he took lightly.

"The mayor of Superior has

a lot of tough days and decisions, too," he said. "There is just three times as much city and three times as many people here."

One issue that Bergson had to deal with in the past year was the controversy surrounding the Ten Commandments monument, which he said triggered "abusive and hateful" phone calls and e-mails.

"To have the three month gridlock over whether or not the religious monument should be in front of City Hall was really kind of sad," Bergson said. "People were ready to spend \$70,000 to defend the monument sitting there when we now have 650 homeless people in the city of Duluth."

"Spending thousands of dollars on a court case when that money would be better spent feeding the hungry and housing the homeless is crazy," he said.

With another cold Duluth winter rapidly approaching, Bergson said the homeless are the top issue facing Duluth.

"What a terrible thing not to own or even rent your own home," he said. "Some of the social service programs we have are the reason many of those people are not dead."

Bergson said that with the rising cost of fuel, he fears the number of homeless will rise.

"I don't see the state tak-

ing a role in fixing the problem," he said. "I don't see the federal government even caring about this problem."

Bergson added that community development programs have been suffering cuts in funding, causing homelessness to become even more of a concern.

Bergson calls for affordable housing and job creation as solutions to this problem.

"Dormitories and beds don't fix it," he said. "We need to create jobs they can fill because a lot of them don't have a college degree. These jobs should target groups of people who don't have the fine skills people acquire in college."

Student housing is another issue Bergson faces as mayor of a city that has three colleges.

"I want to see the housing

project go forward up on Rice Lake Road," he said. "I also want to see a student housing project in the downtown."

He said the Lincoln Hotel is a "wonderful" site for student housing.

"We want students in the downtown and we want them to have close access to culture, art and entertainment," he said. "They have money and it's like having an employee living in your downtown. A lot

of students want to be downtown to be close to the shore, restaurants, coffee shops and theaters."

Some UMD students seemed to agree with the mayor's idea of a student housing development downtown Duluth.

"I would love to live in the downtown area," said University of Minnesota Duluth business student Stephanie Knig-

ge. "I think it would serve as a reminder to Duluth residents that we're an economic necessity and we deserve a fair deal."

If Duluth could make the streets safer and housing affordable, I think a lot of my friends would like to live there, too," she said.

Other UMD students are less supportive of Bergson's idea.

"There's no way I would live downtown," said pre-dentistry major Katie Bendickson. "It is dirty, busy and too far from campus."

Bendickson said she does not think moving students from the area surrounding campus to the downtown area would strengthen community relations.

"It doesn't matter where the city puts us," Bendickson said. "Residents will always find some fault."

With the large number of issues Duluth is facing, Bergson said completion of his plans will take longer than the three years remaining in his term.

"If I'm fortunate enough to be re-elected here in Duluth, two terms might be it. It's hard to say today," he said.

Bergson said he feels privileged to serve as mayor of Duluth.

"Every morning I walk into the office, look at that aerial lift bridge and pinch myself. It's unbelievable I'm sitting where I am," he said.

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Questions raised about College Republican fundraising

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Eighty-eight-year-old Carmen Bakken responded to a stream of fundraising letters from the National College Republicans by sending them 91 checks totaling \$42,985.

When told of the extent of her donations, the Cambridge woman said, "Oh, my goodness! I don't think I gave so much. I don't remember the name College Republicans. I thought what I gave to was a national Republican company."

Similar accounts from other senior citizens in Minnesota and nationwide have put Eric Hoplin, the St. Olaf College graduate who chair the College Republican National Committee, on the defensive about the group's record \$8 million in fundraising this year.

"We've come to discover that there are a few donors who have been confused, a few donors who have some form of dementia, who aren't entirely sure of the amount of money that they're giving," Hoplin said.

One source of the confusion, Hoplin said, is that the College Republicans raise funds "using a lot of project names." In the past, those letters failed to mention his group. But Hoplin said that after becoming the committee's executive director, his "first reform" was to require that solicitations name the College Republicans.

He pledged to refund donations to any unhappy contributor and said about a half-dozen have been reimbursed.

Monda Jo Millsap, 68, of Van Buren, Ark., said that when she was solicited by phone and mail, she agreed to "lend" nearly \$60,000 to the group.

"They were supposed to give it back and I haven't heard nothing," she said.

Ron Kanfer, president of Response Dynamics, said the firm has no way of knowing the ages of letter recipients.

Elliot Baines, an 84-year-old retired metallurgical engineer from Vero Beach, Fla., said he received "as much as 20 pounds" of mail in a day, much of it from Republicans.

Baines gave the College Republicans \$63,435 in 59 donations, some as high as \$4,000.

Kanfer said College Republican officials approved every letter.

Alison Eikele, a spokeswoman for the College Republicans, said 79 percent of the group's revenue went toward fundraising consultants.

The elderly donors' unusual giving patterns surfaced because the College Republicans are a tax-exempt 527 group, which means that while free of limits on the donations they can accept, they are required

to publicly disclose all contributions.

In an interview with the *Star Tribune* before the election, Hoplin gave no hint of

any fundraising issues, saying 32,000 people donated, because they were excited to make "a political investment."

After the election, Hop-

lin acknowledged that questions have surrounded the group's fundraising since 2001.

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impact on low income renters and the impact on the housing market for first-time home buyers are all affected by this project."

Taking the comments of MPIRG into account, Lambert presented a new proposal that explores the possibility of building part of the development for students and another part for general renters.

"Initial surveys show that students will be very willing to rent these spaces," said Council President Jim Stauber. "The UMD student comments and petition are an effort to show the council that students do not want this complex to live in."

Although Stauber clarified that the council had taken the comments into account, he also highlighted that conflicting information had been brought to the council's attention as well.

"Actual renters at Campus Park show exactly the opposite and there is a waiting list each year," he said.

As a whole, after having listened to the comments of students representing MPIRG, the council remained steadfast in its endorsement of the Rice Lake student housing devel-

opment and its key role in promoting progress for Duluth housing.

"If this project doesn't go through, I think you will see another attempt by a citizen group to put rental controls against students," said Ness.

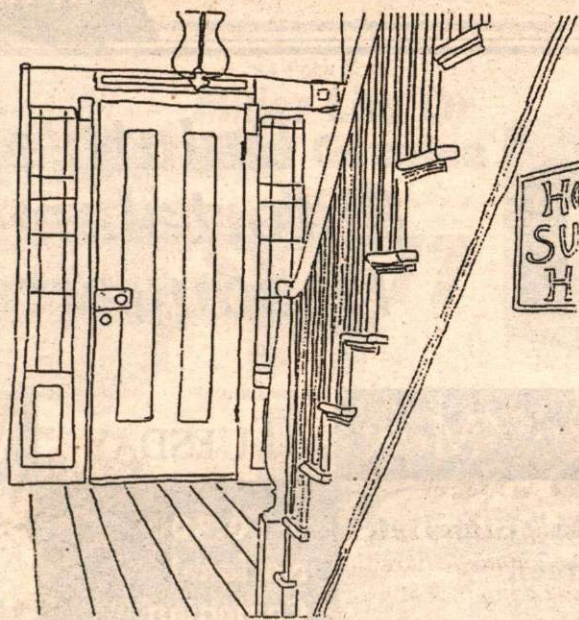
"I think that the main reason that the City Planning Commission, City Council and Mayor Bergson like this development so much is because it is a private development which requires no financial contribution from the city and they stand to gain upwards of \$72,000/year in tax revenue," said Gamble. "In their eyes they are sort of killing two birds with one stone, solving the student housing crisis and finding some relief from a serious city budget issue."

In the end, many students just feel that the development would be more beneficial in another location.

"Why destroy forest wetlands when there are plenty of areas that could be revived by redevelopment?" said Gamble.

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tions are held by people who are graduating," said Stewart. "So we thought it would be valuable to have Tiffany, who will be around for a few more years, to kind of learn the ropes so we won't have our entire executive core graduating."

Varilek had nothing but nice things to say about her competition.

"My opponent was also a very good candidate," said Varilek. "She's involved in Campus Outreach...so I think it was more or less, we didn't want to lose her on that committee."

Varilek says she looks forward to her new position.

"The food service is a big thing on our list of things to do right now," said Varilek. "So I think just a whole bunch of stuff like that, just trying to help the students out. Hopefully get out there and meet a lot more of the students and create a lot more connections."

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR FIRED

Congress also discussed the recent firing of Student Activities Coordinator Tony Peyla. Peyla was fired last

Friday after failing to pass probation, according to Administrative Director Pat Keenan. Keenan could not comment on Peyla's probation, due to confidentiality.

GRANTS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Congress also approved a list of grants that will be given to various student organizations at UMD. An amount of \$9,651 will be awarded to various organizations. The remaining \$549 will be saved for emergencies, according to Sandquist.

"We hold that reserved [amount] just in case a student group has an emergency where they really could use money toward the end of the semester that they didn't know about in the first part," said Sandquist. "Otherwise it will just be rolled into the next semester, making next semester's grant a little bit bigger."

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SWENSON: Vandals flood building over weekend

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"The water ran from 35-40 sinks," said John King, director of Facilities Management, in a walk-through of the building for the media Wednesday afternoon.

The water seeped through the walls and into the sheet-rock. The paint on many of the walls was peeling off and the duct installation on the ceilings was sagging. Some insulation and block walls will need to be torn out due to the water damage.

Some of the flooring needs to be replaced, even in rooms with drains. The wood casing on the cabinets and fixtures is delaminating and the bases are coming off.

Many of the electrical components are saturated. Light fixtures that have plastic over them to protect them from the construction process were damaged and the plastic covers were completely full of water.

"Anything electric is going to have to be replaced," said King. "The warranties no longer apply, so they are basically junk."

Fire extinguishers were re-leased and mechanical equipment was used in the destruction of windows, walls and lab equipment.

Some of the holes in the walls are believed to be the result of the use of small forklifts that were driven into walls. Some holes looked like the wall

was kicked in and others were over five feet high.

"It is a little too early to say with any certainty who did this," said Greg Fox, vice-chancellor of finance and operations at a press conference Monday. "There is evidence being processed and I hope it will help us find out who did this."

The details of the break-in are still unclear, as the investigation conducted by UMD police, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI continues.

It is uncertain where and how the vandals entered the building. Fox speculates that they entered through a building entrance, because there were no signs of forced entry.

"There are no alarm systems on the door, but the building does have locks," said Fox. "There are two surveillance cameras in the building, which are being reviewed."

"There is no indication of forced entry," said Anne Peterson, director of UMD Police. "It wouldn't be appropriate to say what our guesses are of what happened."

Fox said he believes that multiple people did this, but no witnesses have come forward. He also said there is a possibility that this act could be related to the damage that was done to the building this summer.

While the reconstruction could take months, Fox said, "UMD is committed to the goal that the building will open as scheduled."

Despite the delay, construction workers are committed to meeting goal.

"The contractors have done a great job cleaning up the water," said King. "They were back to work, hard at it as early as yesterday morning

even with three inches of water on the floor."

The research wing is the site of 90 percent of the water damage and will be the site of extensive reconstruction.

"We're looking at a complete gut of the building," said King. "There needs to be no question that there will be any problems with the building. We're going to do this right."

UMD officials are trying their best to make sense of this horrible event and work through it.

"We have insurance and

so do the contractors and we believe that will cover it," said Fox. "Our intention is to build a building that is 100 percent complete, 95 percent is not good enough for our students and faculty."

"We met with the contractors yesterday and the new completion date for the research wing is set for May 15," said King.

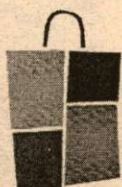
The completion date before the incident was March with classes starting in September.

"It's a sad day for UMD

students and faculty, especially those in the chemistry and biology departments," said James Riehl, dean of the College of Science and Engineering on Monday. "I ensure faculty and students that we'll get beyond this and will be in the labs this summer."

UMD is offering a reward of \$20,000 to anyone with information that leads to an arrest and prosecution of any of the vandals. Call UMD Police at 726-7000 with any leads.

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I am your International Classmate

"It seems that a lot of students on campus are unaware of the unique features of my culture. I have met a number of people who have negative stereotypes about my country, Pakistan. They do not realize that I come from a culturally diverse background that has deep respect for humanity. It would be heartening to observe students becoming more knowledgeable about my culture."

Hasan Khan UMD Junior,
Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering
Minor: Computer Science

Over 70% of respondents felt that the campus climate would potentially improve with the offering of art, music and cultural events that recognize distinctive cultures.

Source: 2002 UMD Campus Climate
Assessment for Underrepresented Groups



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"Ah, yes, divorce, from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet."

- Robin Williams

Our View

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Swenson break-in

As students it is our job to question the actions of those above us like the chancellor, the vice-chancellors and professors. We question them because we want to understand why our tuition went up or why we don't have a parking ramp. We even complain about the lack of a salad bar in the new Kirby Plaza. We want to understand how things on our campus work. But what happens when a group of people attacks our school? Where is all the complaining over what happened to the new Swenson Science building?

As you know, some group broke into the building, turned on all the water faucets, and let them run from around Saturday night until Monday morning, when a construction worker found the mess. The over-flowing water has caused so much damage that it is likely all the walls will have to be gutted, the floor will have to be re-done and all the machinery will have to be replaced. Unfortunately, this was the third attack on the building.

So I wonder: where is everyone on a topic like this? Where is our loyalty to our school? Isn't anyone upset about what happened? There is over a \$1 million in damage and it feels like no one is blinking an eye. We complain and complain about tons of little things all around campus and now when something huge like this happens, it seems like no one even knows about it. Are we too absorbed in our own lives to care about what happens beyond the salad bar?

While the people who did this are to blame, is there something the school could have done to prevent this? In one way, no. The school didn't know something like this was going to happen. But this was the third time it was vandalized. Shouldn't that have been a clue? Should that fact alone been an indicator that someone didn't want this building to be built?

Wouldn't you think that after two attacks more than just two security cameras would have been installed? Or that the school would have gone to greater lengths to properly protect the building?

The school is spending about \$33 million on the building and the only type of security, besides locked doors, are a couple of security cameras. Doesn't that seem a little odd? Why wouldn't the school have someone walk through the building everyday? I am unaware what our campus police do besides pick up all the "drunk college students," but what about a walk-through? If there was a walk-through done, did this person miss the four inches of water on the ground? I'm not sure what happened, but something here was definitely missed.

Instead, here we are, about \$1 million in the hole. The one good thing that will come of this is that I bet now we are going to take the time and effort to prevent a fourth attack.

I bet there is going to be someone wandering about that building at times. Now the building will be protected. Sadly, this all could have been prevented and all we had to do was think about this after the first or even second attack.

James I. Swenson was gracious enough to donate millions of dollars toward the building and what kind of appreciation have we shown him? Is this multi-million dollar building being appreciated or neglected?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stewart's article was hateful and disgusting

I am writing in response to an article entitled "Election Night Drinking Games Dull the Pain," written by our SA president.

I cannot believe that our own school newspaper would print such a mean, hateful and disgusting article. I

thought that the *Statesman* had more journalistic integrity than that.

To say you hate any religious group because of their views on certain issues is wrong and extremely intolerant. To tell anyone to burn in hell because of the way they voted is un-American.

The great thing about America is tolerance of other people's viewpoints and while I firmly believe in freedom of speech, there is a fine line between that and hate.

I believe this article crossed that line.

For our SA president to come right out and attack a student organization is wrong.

As the treasurer of the College Republicans, I would like to say that we are deeply offended by his comments. If he wants to write an article about how much he loves John Kerry and back it up with some substantial facts or even an informed opinion, GREAT. But when he decides to attack others—that is wrong and should be unacceptable on our campus.

Christina Wilson
Treasurer of the College Republicans

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Television is making America "land of the fat"



By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF WRITER

I would like to take a moment to congratulate my fellow Minnesotans. Recently, our beloved state topped the list for best overall health in the U.S. It is surprising, yet nice to know that the land of hotdish and "pop" is quite a health-conscious place to reside. I think this calls for a celebration - an all night marathon of reality TV so we can all laugh at the fat people.

I know what some of you are thinking, but don't get your knickers in a twist so quickly. Call me insensitive, but maybe some of you have noticed the overabundance of "extreme makeover" shows that are clogging our TV programming. While these shows may be about losing weight and looking better, the irony is that most Americans choose to stare at their TV sets instead

of taking that time to become active.

"The Swan" on Fox and "The Biggest Loser" on NBC are two prime examples of these popular programs; both shows focus on drastically changing people's appearances, often ending positively. While the intent may be honorable, neither of these programs do a good job promoting health over narcissism.

Admittedly, America has a massive problem with weight. We're a nation of fast food lovers, displaying spare tires as proof. These new TV programs show the seedy underbelly of what preposterous shortcuts people are willing to take to reach a slimmer self. The masses soak it up and this allows the media to promote perfection as the only way to live, insulting those whose lives are healthy but don't necessarily fit into a size six.

Truly, many individuals in our society could stand to shed a few pounds. As a college student, I realize that many of my peers are battling the bulge, trying to fend off the 'freshman 15.' There are many other pressures college kids face

"As a college student, I realize that many of my peers are battling the bulge, trying to fend off the 'freshman 15.' There are many other pressures college kids face that are much more important than having a preoccupation with their weight."

that are much more important than having a preoccupation with their weight. The media's obsession with flawlessness is getting on my nerves. There's no need to look like a model unless you happen to be one. Granted, "The Swan" has

helped burn victims and other individuals who had legitimate reasons to have surgery, which, generally speaking, is a good thing. But most people who participate on that show have multiple procedures, from liposuction to unnecessary rhinoplasty, advocating the idea that anything less than perfect is inadequate, even a failure.

Consider "The Biggest Loser." What other program could further degrade overweight Americans? They compete for money by losing weight and getting in shape, which seems like a harmless concept. Many people miss the point of losing weight entirely. One needs to become mentally healthy as well as physically healthy - and not just so they can look "hot" in a bathing suit.

Why does our culture insist on viewing people struggling with appearance? Why do we think it is so fascinating to

watch Jane or John Doe attempting to run off 75 pounds? Wouldn't reality shows be much more appealing if the content pertained to *real* life? Americans seem to love this genre, so it's safe to say that we will watch anything "reality" so long as it keeps a short attention span focused for 30 minutes. These programs should be less sensationalized and more aware of what people actually need to hear and see. But thanks to the media and their conniving practices, even something as peaceful as yoga could be misinterpreted and become melodramatic.

So what does America need to learn? Yes, even healthy Minnesotans need to remember this: for most, losing weight does not require a team of doctors or a cash prize. No special shakes or pills, no self-hypnosis tapes. And definitely not stupid TV shows that exploit people who truly need to lose some weight. Watching that junk only makes you sit on your ass, which, for the record, does not burn any calories.

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No consensus on abortion is likely

By BRIAN STEWART
STAFF WRITER

So last Thursday I came to school and grabbed my copy of *The Statesman*. Although the paper is generally a pretty good value, being free and all, I considered myself especially lucky when a colorful insert fell out. "Oh boy!" said I, "an insert!" Although I frequently "accidentally" let my inserts fall into the stack of untaken *Statesmans*, this week I decided to grab it. I'm not sure if it was the pastels or delightful racially diverse selection of people on the front, but I just couldn't resist.

Initially, I wanted to write 800 words making fun of this insert. In fact, I was quite torn between feelings of chagrin (Do they actually expect educated college students to fall for this garbage?) and anger (Are you serious? "Test Your Abortion I.Q.?" and "Angela's Story?" I think the part of my brain labeled 'reason' is bleeding.) But instead of immediately spouting into a sarcastic rant, I decided to read with an open mind.

Abortion is perhaps the most difficult topic in American politics. On many divisive issues, people fall on opposite sides of the same value. On gun control, for example, you have "I want a gun" vs. "You shouldn't have a gun." On the death penalty, "Fry him until he dies" vs. "Keep him in a small room with cable until he dies." These topics have great complexity, of course, but at the same time they are relatively straightforward.

Abortion, however, is a matter of one value vs. another. It is "That fetus is a person with a right to life" vs. "That fetus is a part of the woman's body and thus the fetus' rights (if it has any) are superceded by her own." Do you see the difference? It isn't Right vs. Wrong, it's Life vs. Choice. Both sides likely believe in both values, but disagree on which is supreme and, in fact, whether these values are truly what they are labeled as.

With that said, I'd like to present you with my breakdown of who should have a say on abortion and who most definitely should not. First, we have the President, who is vehemently, outspokenly anti-choice and the Republican majority in the rest of our governmental bodies, also generally pro-life. What is their demographic make-up? Primarily white, primarily male, primarily middle-aged or older.

Even setting aside the complete absurdity of males trying to put themselves into the shoes of a pregnant woman (the closest we ever get to empathizing with a woman's anatomy is living with them that one week each month), the

statistics just don't match up. What are the demographics of a typical woman who opts for abortion? One hundred percent of them are female. According to About.com, 52 percent are under 25 and 19 percent are teenagers. A black woman is more than three times as likely to have an abortion than a white woman and a Hispanic woman is 2.5 times as likely to have an abortion than a white woman.

You might argue that examining this issue in a sexual or racial light is unnecessarily divisive and irrelevant. "America is a melting pot," you say. If you think so, you need to be smacked in the head with a baseball bat with REALITY written on the side. Because if you think that the opportunities, environment and life of a black girl in inner city Chicago are the same as a white girl in Anoka, you are seriously naïve.

These men in government do not represent and cannot possibly understand these desperate young women and have no right to enforce their sense of morality on them. Who has that right, then? Religion? Perhaps, but not likely. If abortion is against your religion, by all means do what you can to convince young women otherwise. Helping them is a wonderful, very godly thing to do.

But you know what might be a better idea than spending money on pretty fliers that tell us why abortion is awful or lobbying against Roe v. Wade? How about educating us on adoption and lobbying to make adoption an easier, more efficient process? Pro-life organizations love to spout out numbers about how many couples are waiting to adopt. If more time and money was spent on promoting adoption and streamlining the process rather than just demonizing abortion, perhaps we could come together fighting for adoption rather than fighting to the death about abortion. And, along those lines, I would like to commend Catholic Campus Ministry for putting Pregnancy Care Resources on the first page of their insert. That's a good start.

Who should decide whether abortion is right or wrong? The female in question, in conjunction with anyone else she chooses to share the decision with. She is the only one who has to live with the consequences and she is the only one who fully understands her situation. Give her better options; don't limit the ones she has. If you don't agree, tell me this: if the decision is not hers, then who is more qualified to make it?

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Not enough respect shown to vets on Veterans Day

By PETER CARPENTER
STAFF WRITER

I am writing this for too many reasons to count, partially in response to last week's *Statesman* and their lack of coverage of Veterans Day. As you all may or may not know, last week we honored those who have fought in wars past and present. We commended them for their bravery and perseverance through the toughest of times. We, as Americans, need to embrace the fact that what we say and do is owed to our fathers, our father's fathers and our father's grandfathers. Last week, I read the issue of *The Statesman* only to find that there were no columns honoring our veterans, but merely a mention of Veterans Day through a letter to the editor. Thank you, Colette Murphy.

As we continue to honor our veterans, we must remember our vets didn't have a choice; they didn't have time to protest the war, for they had a country to defend. Our vets didn't ask to leave their families, see their friends die or experience war first-hand. They did this not only for us, but also our future. They fought so that we could live free and achieve our dreams. They fought this war so our parents and our generation wouldn't have to experience what they've experienced.

There isn't any way we could understand what our veterans experienced, which is why we have this day commemorating them. My generation has never experienced such traumatic times. When I read filth like Brian Stewart's, "I hate my country, let me reiterate, I hate my country," it not only offends me personally, but it is a direct

slap in the face to our veterans. How could a person be so disrespectful to our veterans, our society and our country? Regardless of what one hates this country for, remember why you have the right to say what you please. Remember how you received this right.

Lastly, I want to ask how *The Statesman* neglected to write about what should be the most important day of this year? At a time when American morale should be (and hopefully is) at its highest, we have nothing but Ms. Murphy's grateful letter to show for our vets in our Veterans Day issue. Instead we write about a children's movie, an ice cream shop and Ashley Simpson's SNL mess-up. How is this more important than remembering what has been done for our generation?

When I watched "Saving Private Ryan" last Thursday, I watched it not only for myself, but also for my children and my grandchildren. I watched it in remembrance of those who fought for my right to attend this school, to study what I want and not have to experience what they have first-hand.

Though belated, I want to personally thank each and every veteran and soldier who gave me these rights and protects them still today. I am thanking you for those who don't. I am thanking you for my future, my children and my dreams. Thank you, veterans and soldiers, for everything you've done. On Veterans Day, my appreciation for you and this great country was and continues to be unparalleled.

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Random Genius: Movie Trivia

"No, not again. I...why does it say paper jam when there is no paper jam? I swear to God, one of these days I just kick this piece of shit out the window."

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Who really won the election?

By JOHN KOEPP
STAFF REPORTER

An in-depth look into the real battle for the next president of the United States revealed some startling news the government doesn't want you to know. I took it upon myself to find the truth.

Kerry wasn't satisfied, Bush wouldn't back down to Kerry's comments and Nader just wanted love, so he kicked some ass, smoked some grass and now runs the U.S.A.

According to inside sources, it started Nov. 3, when Kerry called Bush to concede. In actuality, Kerry called to challenge Bush to a "blood bath weapons match. No secret service, no wives and no running mates." Bush accepted the challenge under one condition - Ralph Nader, Independent Party candidate, would be there to watch.

The three met that night behind the gardener's shed on the White House lawn at 7 p.m. Bush arrived first; wearing a smirk and a cowboy hat, whip in one hand, his Bible in the other. Kerry arrived in his ugly jacket and Lee Jeans and brought with him a shovel, bowie knife and nose guard.

Nader, dressed in a black trench coat and sunglasses, rolled up and explained the rules: "Fight to the death. If both make it ten rounds, whoever has more points wins. No biting, screaming like sissies, engaging in foul language and no signaling for back up."

The two moved in circles, the air turned cold. Bush's silent fart killed the plants nearby and the squirrels scattered. Nader took one last puff.

Kerry struck first, slashing Bush across the face with

his knife. Bush responded by turning the other cheek and then laying the whip upon Kerry's ass. The two exchanged words and blows for five more rounds.

A man of pride, Kerry would not be beaten easily. He towered over Bush and repeatedly pounded him on the head with his shovel. The source says that by this time, Nader was higher than ever and had fallen into a fit of uncontrollable laughter.

Kerry and Bush fought into the night. Nader brought lava lamps and strobe lights to guide them in their battle, but there was no sign of either one quitting by the end of the ninth round.

During the break, Nader offered the two a joint. Bush accepted without hesitation. Kerry hesitated, but only because he had to take his jacket off and finally agreed to smoke up.

Round 10 began. Five minutes in, Bush and Kerry began laughing hysterically. The conversation in round 10 went as follows:

"Impale me you friggin' hippie! I'm from Texas! You think I can't take a knife!" Bush screamed.

"Is that all you got Bush? Edwards can whip harder than that when he's handcuffed," Kerry replied.

The two badly beaten men cussed at each other all night. Round 10 had come to an end, but the ringmaster was nowhere to be found. Word has it Ralph passed out in a wheelbarrow, humming "I'm coming out so you better get this party started."

Bush and Kerry were found dead early Thursday morning by the gardener, who also

found Nader, weeding out his stash in the shed. Nader is now president. What's worse: I don't mind.

They weren't that different, George and John. They both viewed life as never ending and both felt the work was never done. They were obsessed war mongrels with hot daughters and messed up backgrounds.

No one knows what happened, but by the way they looked when they were found, it seemed they became friends right before death. They were found naked, huddling together - Kerry's arms around Bush, who was sucking his own thumb. It's cute if you ask me, but in the same regard sick as shit.

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TOP TEN THINGS TO SAY TO YOUR PROFESSOR AFTER YOU MISS THE MIDTERM

By Kevin Semlak

1. I couldn't get my ball gag off.
2. I was busy sleeping with your wife.
3. Look! I've got Mentos! The Freshmaker!
4. You're fired!
5. I was out late hunting neighborhood dogs.
6. Diarrhea.
7. No, you missed *my* exam.
8. Well, Mike missed an exam in an episode of "Growing Pains" and it all worked out!
9. I am a college athlete you know.
10. But I was in the middle of a "Goonies" adventure!

CHANCELLOR SIGHTING!

The following is based on actual events as told by RHDC employee, Kristin Wahlund:

When: Wednesday, lunch hour, November 17
Where: Residence Hall Dining Center



It was like any other Coney Island Day at the RHDC, until Chancellor Kathryn Martin appeared. She ordered the Coney dog, a fine choice, even though she said she'd "be burping it up the rest of the day." Then, like the wind, she was gone.

Salutations, Terry

Necessary advice for everyday living

Terry,

I'm writing because I have a problem that's been going on for a while. My roommate masturbates while I'm in the room, even while I'm lying above him in my bunkbed. He has more than enough time alone in the room. Why does he wait 'til I'm lying in my bed? What should I do?

Signed,
Disgusted Roommate

P.S. This is a real problem. It is not a made up problem like you may sometimes get.

Dear DR,

The masturbating roommate has troubled mankind for centuries. I've seen many cases like yours. Let me guess - it started subtly; the sound of squeaking bed springs resonating from below, "Er-E-Er-E," the unmistakable sound of rapid rubbing on the bed sheets; the dead giveaway when both noises quickly ceased. It's hard to mask the telltale signs of a lonely romp

in the garden of self-fornication.

If you're worried about talking to him, just beat around the bush (pun intended) with questions like, "Gosh, don't you miss the sweet caress of a woman?" or the classic, "Did you know that if you masturbate too much, you'll grow hair on your palm?" If he doesn't get the gist, give him a taste of his own medicine - start stroking your snorkel before he gets a chance. Have fun with it, moan if you have to and give it all you've got. Make him think twice before he dives hands-first into his undies.

The next step is to take down that poster of Anna Kournikova and replace it with people like "NYPD Blue's" Dennis Franz or "Seinfeld's" Jason Alexander. Most importantly, put photos of his little sister on the ceiling. Who can sharpen their stick while their 8-year-old sister is staring them in the face?

Another strategy: leave religious propaganda around the room. Talk to Chi Alpha and

get some bibles and pamphlets on the path to righteousness. Leave them on your roomie's pillow. When he's like, "How did these get here?" tell him God stopped by and said He wanted him to read them.

If all else fails, put Tobasco in his lotion bottle. When he feels the burn on his little soldier, he'll think that God is pissed at him for not reading the pamphlets He dropped off. He'll be scared right out of his dirty habit.

Why does he wait until you're in the room to party with his one-eyed pirate is obvious to me - he's infatuated with you. Search his computer for pictures of you sleeping and check under your mattress for any peepholes.

Good luck.

Salutations,
Terry



This is a real question from a real person, kiddies! See, it's cool to send Terry questions. It really is! So send them post haste.
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Flashback to the '80s

The Jordan Knight Experience

By MEGAN WAHMAN
and KIEREN SELL
STUDENT LIFE EDITORS

When Jordan Knight, star of VH1's "Surreal Life" and former star of New Kids on the Block graced the stage at the NorShor Theatre in Duluth, fans across the Northland dusted off their old concert gear for a trip down memory lane.

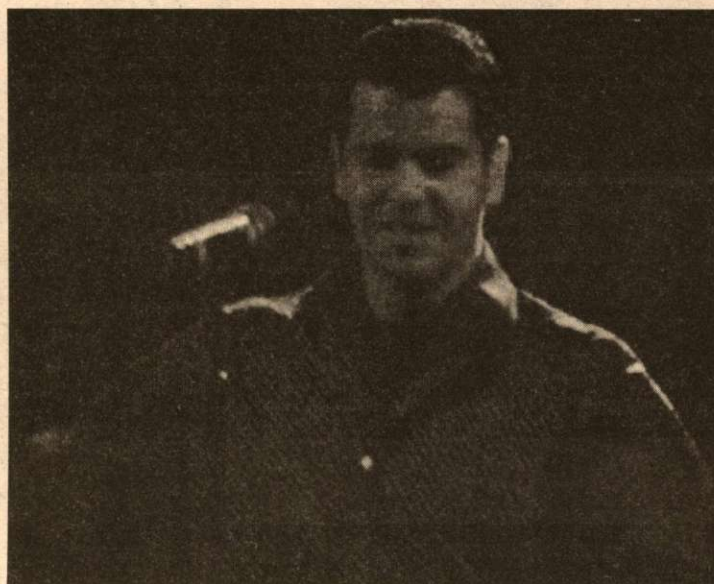
Our Jordan Knight experience started at 7 p.m. At this point, he was still the star of our prepubescent fantasies and the night was filled with wonders of what could lie ahead. By 9 p.m., our dreams of reliving our childhood were completely destroyed.

Two weeks ago when we first heard of the event, we were ecstatic and would have done anything and everything to be there.

It was at that moment, when the person who was a monumental part of our childhoods came back into our lives, that we started reminiscing of the good old days of braces, acne and puberty.

Back in the late '80s/early '90s when NKOTB and Jordan Knight were kings, we and millions of other girls around the world were head-over-heels in love and obsessed with them.

We knew their birthdays, the names of their extended families and had their pictures on articles of clothing. We slept on their faces on our pillowcases, covered every inch



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The former New Kids on the Block member serenaded the crowd at the NorShor.

of our walls with photos and danced to their cassette tapes like nobody's business.

Yes, Jordan, along with Joey, Danny, Donny and Jonathan were everything we ever dreamed of. So, you can imagine our excitement when we were granted our tickets and entrance into what we thought would be a flashback to our youth.

As we arrived at the venue, we dreamed of what might happen that evening. Would Jordan take the stage in all his glory and be everything we dreamed he would be when we were young? Maybe he would scan the crowd, meet our eyes and whisk us away from Duluth to live with him in C-level celebrity bliss forever and ever.

How wonderful it would be

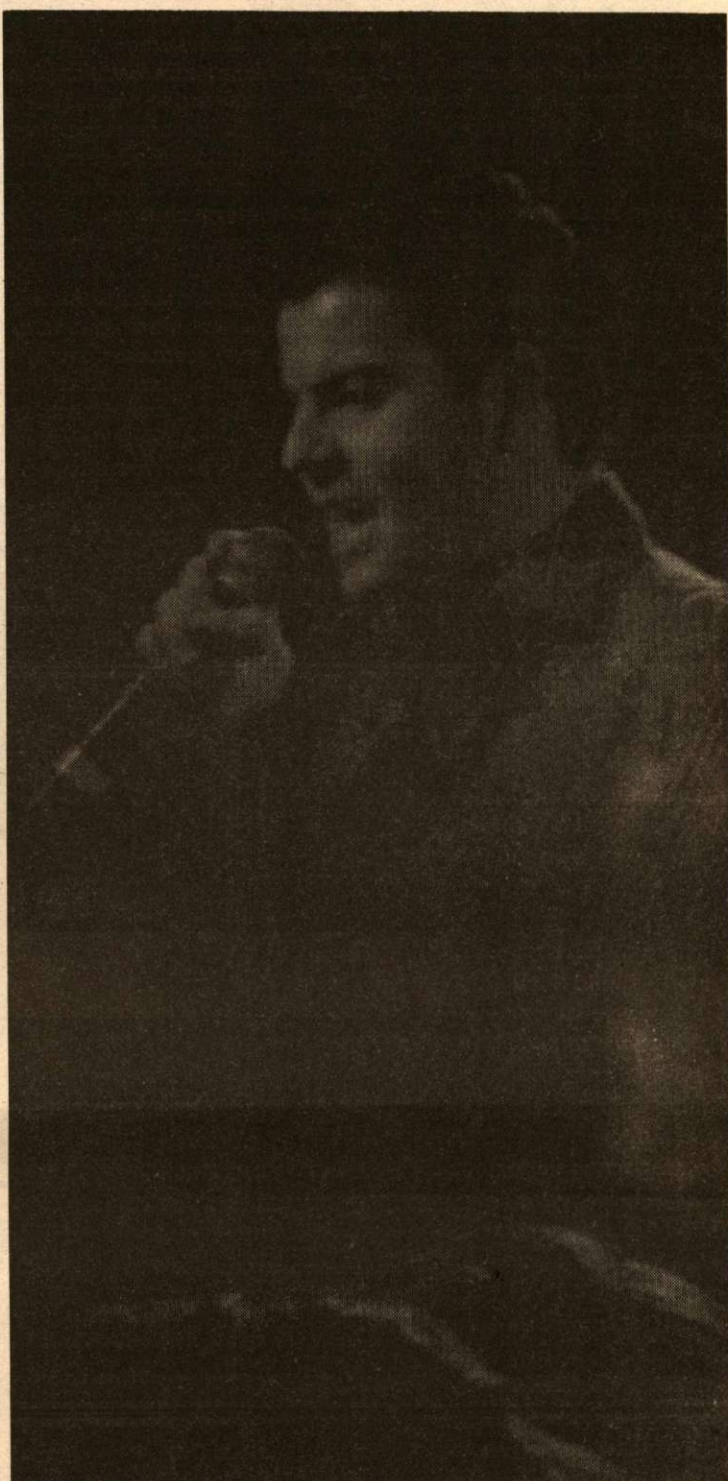
if our childhood fantasies became reality on this night.

Then, he took the stage.

There, surrounded by overweight overzealous New Kids on the Block fans screaming Jordan's name, we realized just how old and un-cool we and Jordan had become.

Our crush, our love, our Jordan Knight was playing to a crowd of no more than 100 people in the middle of Duluth. Gone was the fantasy dream-date of sold out concerts and dancing with the pretty people in music videos and posh clubs. Gone was the dream that he was the celebrity he was back in the '90s.

Instead, our dreamboat was flopping around on stage like a middle-aged fish, desperately clinging to the past that made



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Jordan Knight sang his new single "Around the World" from his upcoming album.

him spectacular.

The concert started out with a member of his staff introducing him like he was still a member of the biggest boy band in the world.

Then, Knight's DJ played a 10 minute montage of New Kids on the Block songs. It was then that we realized this wasn't going to be pretty.

As we, well, mostly Kieren,

rocked out and sang along to the hits we once, and maybe still do love, we realized that "Hangin' Tough" and "Please Don't Go Girl" were all Jordan Knight would amount to.

After our "blast from the past," Knight finally appeared on stage and began to sing and dance. We'd love to say he had moves we'd never seen, but

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Graduating seniors showcase work in Senior Art Exhibitions



STEPHANIE MAGEDANZ

"All Ends Below," Stephanie Magedanz

By KELLEY BLOMBERG
STAFF REPORTER

Completing a one-credit capstone to their artistic careers at UMD, another class of graduating School of Fine Arts students are showcasing their best work through senior art exhibits.

Displayed on the lower floor of the Tweed Museum of Art for one-week periods of time, pieces of various mediums are presented for all to see.

"We do this every year and the shows always begin in September," said Robert Repinski,

the UMD Art and Design Department's interim head. "All graduating seniors in the Art Department have a show in the Tweed. It's a chance for the people in the program to see the work the seniors have done."

This week the work of Graphic Design major Jenny Kampinen and Art major Katie Seaburg is being exhibited. Kampinen and Seaburg chose to present a cohesive exhibition entitled "Sense."

Kampinen's portion of the

exhibit includes mostly graphic design pieces and some paintings, books and collages. The concepts for the show and pieces displayed have been in the works for Kampinen since last summer. A uniquely integrated aspect of her work is her utilization of Braille.

"A lot of pieces have color and a lot of Braille in them as well," said Kampinen. "I wanted to use Braille to represent those who can't see and color for those who can. I used more recent work and some old work also. I have a lot of stuff

from the internship I had this summer at Primedia Business Magazines, which is where I'll be working after I graduate."

Kampinen's exhibition partner Seaburg offers a much different approach to the topic of senses, displaying mostly 16-inch by 20-inch photographs.

Seaburg has also taken a three-dimensional approach to her exhibit, displaying three bowls and a necklace, which were created by use of a copper enameling process.

"All my stuff has to do with

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the elements of glass," said Seaburg.

Seaburg also tried to convey the use of senses through photographs she took of fire, creating a feeling of what the image smells like.

"I'm really excited with the work," said Seaburg. "I really like the copper enameling pieces."

Stephanie Magedanz, another graduating art student at UMD is currently preparing

for her upcoming show.

Although Magedanz's exhibition is not up for another couple weeks, she is already focused on what types of pieces she will incorporate and has decided upon a theme.

"It's just a nice opportunity and a feeling of completion that shows everyone 'this is who I've been the last four years,'" said Magedanz.

Despite the hard work and long nights the students endure prior to their exhibitions, the final product is something to be observed and admired by friends, family, faculty and community members of Duluth.

The exhibition gives seniors the opportunity to encounter each of the steps necessary in putting together a complete exhibit. Students go through the entire process designing and sending out postcards advertising their show, finalizing display arrangements and creating a price list from which their pieces will be sold.

"It's a taste of the professional experience and it's something that all of us working in the department do," said Repinski.

Those interested in catching Kampinen's and Seaburg's show should make their way to the Tweed before Tuesday, when the work will be taken down and the next senior exhibition will be put up.

Magedanz's exhibit will be up for display Dec. 7. Senior art exhibitions run throughout the year and change every Tuesday evening.

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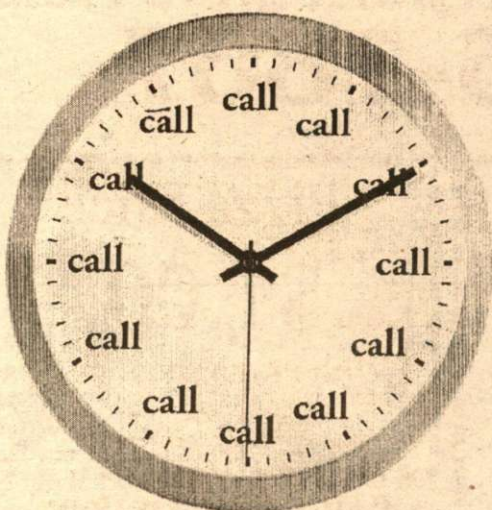


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Top five foreign films of all time

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

There are hundreds of great foreign films out there that we haven't seen. With this week marking International Education Week at UMD, it feels like a perfect time to catch up. I'd recommend starting with these five great foreign films from the past 10 years.

1. Life is Beautiful (1997; Italy)

At the 1998 Academy Awards®, Roberto Benigni's bittersweet and heartbreaking "Life is Beautiful" became the first film since 1969's "Z" to be nominated for both Best Picture and Best Foreign Film. Although it lost Best Picture, it won a very deserving award for Best Foreign Film. "Life is Beautiful" stars Benigni as a Jewish waiter with quick wit and an energetic personality. He uses his charm to steal the love of a beautiful "Principessa" named Dora. Then "Life" cuts to the future, where Guido and his young son are sent to a concentration camp with nothing except each other. "Life is Beautiful" is a funny and heartbreaking drama and easily one of the finest movies ever made about the love that a father has for his child.

2. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000; China, Hong Kong)

No film has been more imitated this decade than Ang Lee's masterful "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." No other martial arts film has been able to bring back the pure magic of Lee's Best Picture-nominated story. In a way, "Crouching Tiger" is really two stories. The first is a series of love stories between Li Mu Bai (Chow Yun-Fat) and Yu Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh) and between Jen Yu (Zhang Ziyi) and Jade Fox (Cheng Pei-Pei). On the other hand, "Crouching Tiger" is an ancient myth about power and beliefs. The real treat of "Crouching Tiger" lies within its power to mystify the viewers' eyes with beautiful images of flying people and sword fights that take place in trees. What's that? You don't believe people can fly? "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" will make a believer out of you.

3. Talk to Her (2002; Spain)

Pedro Almodovar's follow-up to his critically-acclaimed

"All About My Mother" is just as good, if not better than its predecessor. "Talk to Her" is the kind of movie that can no longer be made in America. It's patient and truthful as it follows the lives of two men waiting for their loved ones to awake from life-threatening comas. Filled with emotion, truthfulness and moments of uncontrollable laughs, "Talk to Her" achieves something very few films have been able to do: it captures the humor, tragedy and emotions of real life.

4. Run Lola Run (1998; Germany)

Destined to be a cult-classic, Tom Tykwer's "Run Lola Run" has the look and feel of a 21st century video game. Tykwer captures this feeling by giving us one situation and replaying it three times, with different decisions being made in each instance. Franka Potente, who has since starred in "The Bourne Identity" and "The Bourne Supremacy," stars as Lola, a young lady with bright-red hair who has 20 minutes to save her boyfriend from being murdered by criminals. "Run Lola Run" is a trip into the future of filmmaking and by the looks of it, the future looks as bright as Lola's hair.

5. No Man's Land (2001; Belgium)

"No Man's Land" turns serious war issues into black humor. Director Danis Tanovic's daring direction captures the chaos and uncertainty of war by examining the conflict that arises when a Bosnian soldier and Serbian soldier are caught in the thin strip of uncontrolled battleground during the Bosnian war. In order to survive, the two men must work together and fight their desire to kill each other. The film's smart screenplay has plenty to say about war in general.

If you still haven't had enough culture yet, be sure to check out Jean-Pierre Jeunet's wonderful love story, "Amelie," Niki's Caro's magical "Whale Rider" and the animated treat from France, "The Triplets of Belleville," which is surprisingly entertaining despite having no dialogue.

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Interactive meal served by 'Feeding Frenzy'

By LIBBY HARRIS
STAFF REPORTER

UMD faculty from the School of Fine Arts will participate and perform in a unique "celebration of food" entitled "Feeding Frenzy," which will take place this Sunday at the Pilgrim Church.

New York City avant-garde artist Fast Forward, an English composer and performer who is not afraid to experiment with sound, will direct the event.

Fast Forward describes the evening as "an interactive performance concert centered around the fabrication and consumption of food. It is 'tailor-made' to its performance whereabouts and realized in conjunction with a local co-coordinator/producer. All the performers are selected from the local community. Even though it is a fairly large-scale work, it is not necessarily a complicated event to stage. In simplistic terms, the entire performance revolved around food. Five people will be preparing food, five people playing music and five people bringing food to the audience."

The meal/art/performance will last approximately 90 minutes with Fast Forward directing locals as they prepare food for their audience.

Their actions will be amplified to create a "sonic landscape" as the live video of the event will be projected on a screen in the venue.

UMD Professor Robert Appleton will be involved with the experience along with various School of Fine Arts faculty and graduate students.

"SFA faculty and grad students will perform the event with him on Sunday. Under

grad students will help with crew, camera and sound. The Art and Design and Music and Theatre Departments will support it financially. I'm the producer," said Appleton.

Working as musicians are Dave Schmalenberger, Justin Rubin, Ryan Frane, Leif Brush and Appleton.

Preparing what is sure to be a delicious treat are Alison Aune, Adu Gindy, Janice Kmetz, Jennifer Gordon, Kathy Neff and Wanda Percy.

Many others will be serving food, running audio and projecting images.

According to the artist's Web site www.mrfastforward.com, Fast Forward is "widely known for his in-depth musical explorations of the steel pan, his music theatre works for diverse instrumentation and his other area of making music - with any kind of object. With a sculptural approach to creating sound, he examines the sensual, tactile qualities of the objects and then ties the sound of objects to the physical gesture that creates the sound. The result is a stage presence that integrates the visual element of the performance with the music."

Before moving to New York City, Fast Forward studied music with Robert Ashley and David Berman at Mills College in Oakland, Calif.

There he began composing and touring extensively. He has been honored with awards and commissions from across the world (including residencies in Berlin, Japan and New York state).

Beginning in January 2004, he began presenting "Feeding Frenzy" at Columbia University and the National Gallery

in Berlin.

In October he presented his solo performance in the Sounds Like Now Festival at the La MaMa Theater in New York City.

Sunday's event will be a continuation of Fast Forward's "Feeding Frenzy" concert works.

While in Duluth, Fast Forward will conduct various classes at UMD and will give a

lecture at the Tweed Museum of Art.

On Nov. 22, Fast Forward will participate in dance and music with Professor Anne Bergeron and classes with Appleton.


Tuesday will conclude his visit with an Art and Design class and a free lecture at the Tweed.

Tickets for Sunday's "Feeding Frenzy" may be purchased

at the Marshall Performing Arts Center ticket office or at Pilgrim Church (2310 E. 4th St).

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for others. The show begins at 6 p.m.

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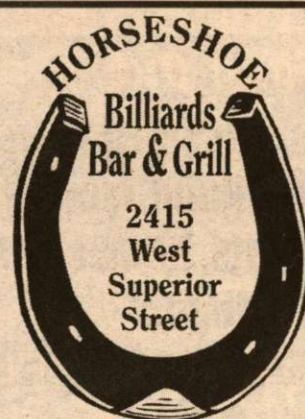
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REVIEW: Scenic Café offers great food in a cozy atmosphere

By KATY MEEKS
STAFF REPORTER

The Scenic Café, located just north of Duluth on Highway 61, is one of the best, well-kept secrets in Duluth.

When I first came to UMD,

no one told me of the small, charming restaurant that would change my taste buds forever.

Apparently, the few who have been lucky enough to stumble upon the restaurant wanted

to keep the deliciousness to themselves.

Lucky for you, I learned of this restaurant and I can assure you that the wide menu selection, beautiful view of Lake Superior and friendly wait

staff give the Scenic Café the ability to appeal to all tastes.

The café itself is located in what feels like the middle-of-nowhere on a stretch of Highway 61. Interestingly enough, the most pleasant aspect of my experience at the Scenic Café was the drive. Highway 61 travels along the edge of Lake Superior and displays some beautiful scenery of the lake, woods and rock formations near the shore.

The café's environment is similar to a cozy cabin and has a "close to home" vibe.

Light wood staining and soft, calming colors fill the walls. Nature scene paintings of every size and color scheme light up the rooms. The environment is one of outdoor peacefulness.

While many small café's menus consist of your average club sandwiches and mundane burgers, the Scenic Café's menu boasts simple lunch items with unique twists, tempting entrees, appetizers and rich desserts.

The food served at the Scenic Café is very unique and distinctive. The sandwiches are what first caught my eye. They are all offered on either cranberry pecan bread or roasted garlic focaccia bread, with many different random ingredients, such as fruit, nuts and interesting sauces.

The salads offered ranged from a basic chef salad, to a Greek inspired salad.

Combination lunches were also offered, which I assumed would be quite popular. Choosing between half a sandwich or soup, or salad and soup would be the easiest decision if overwhelmed by the appeal of the entire menu.

The menu consisted of many unknown ingredients to me. I had to clarify a few things with my waiter before ordering.

Interestingly enough, they have a vegetarian form of a Rueben, which includes a soy product instead of corned beef. The Scenic Café also offers

a wide selection of wine and beers and quite a few desserts.

After much deliberation, I chose a chicken sandwich on cranberry pecan bread with provolone cheese and sliced apples. My meal was served with some pineapple, an interesting, unique and tasty side dish. I also treated myself to a cup of the cream of tomato soup, which was spectacular.

The food was full of flavor and obviously fresh, but most importantly, it tasted home-cooked, which was a big plus.

One may think that the appeal of an establishment that serves food that sounds like it came straight from the cooking channel would be insanely pricey, but the majority of the menu was relatively practical. The most expensive items were the entrees, which didn't go much over \$20 and included a large amount of food.

The service I received at the Scenic Café was very impressive. I received individual attention and care. It was not crowded at all, so that made for prompt service and my food arrived within a few minutes of my order.

I was seated at a table that had an excellent view of Lake Superior, but unfortunately was located right next to several other tables.

The only downside to this restaurant was the seating arrangements. The restaurant is small and the tables aren't private at all. It was not difficult to not hear a conversation from across the room.

I would definitely recommend this restaurant to anybody. It is a very versatile environment and would be the perfect place to go to lunch with mom or out on a casual date.

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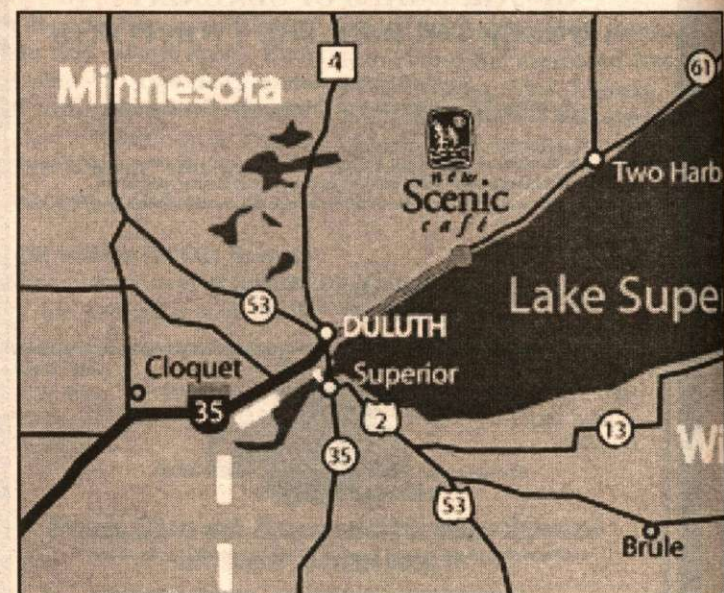
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KNIGHT: The singer is no longer "Hangin' Tough"

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then we'd be lying.

First, he sang a song that nobody knew, possibly from his new album coming out in January.

Despite feeling dorky and out of place, we danced along to the beat, because somebody had to.

Then, Knight spoke to the miniscule audience and thanked us all for coming.

He could have thanked us all personally and it would have only taken five more minutes, but he quickly burst into song and treated the audience to the only song we knew the lyrics to; his 1999 hit, "Give it to you."

To introduce his next turn, Knight said, "This song is from my new album, out in Janu-

ary, called 'Around the World.' This is about dreams I had as a child about being a spy, like 007, where my mission was to please the women of the world, and that includes Duluth."

As the rest of the crowd of women screamed, we looked at each other and knew that was our cue to leave.

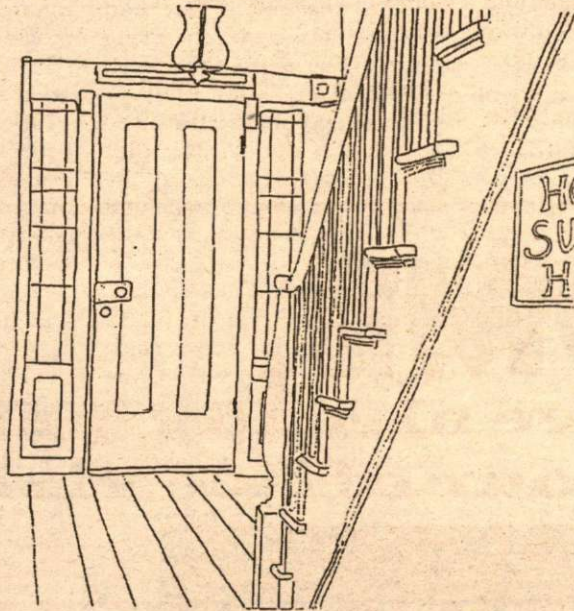
As we exited the theatre, there was a table set up with Jordan Knight apparel in all its glory. As we scanned the T-shirts, hats and thongs, we laughed and took off out the door.

Thus ended our Jordan Knight experience, with a little sadness, some humor and a sense that as hard as you try, you can never go back to your childhood, or maybe that there are just some things best left in the past.

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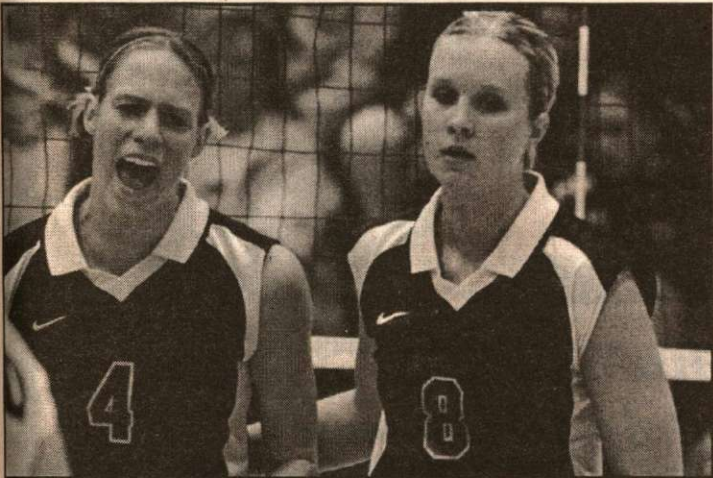
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The women's basketball team began their 2004-05 regular season schedule on Monday against Michigan Tech. Turn to page 21 for all the action!

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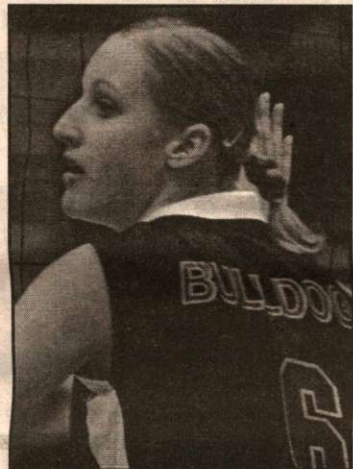
UMD takes NCC Championship crown



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Callie Zwettler (4, above), Greta Lisakka (8, above), Vicky Braegelmann (12, left) and Alicia Meger (6, right) are all part of the All-NCC team for their play this year.

By AARON PRICE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Minnesota Duluth volleyball team made history with a 3-0 victory over University of North Dakota, giving UMD their first North Central Conference Championship on Saturday, Nov. 13.

The Bulldogs headed into the weekend with a match on Friday against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. UMD quickly swept the Mavericks in three straight games (30-25, 30-24 and 30-25). The win for the Bulldogs helped avenge a loss against the Mavericks from earlier in the season on Oct. 22 in Omaha, Neb. Senior Callie Zwettler picked up 17 kills and 12 digs.

Other highlights included freshman Vicky Braegelmann recording 10 kills with a .421 hitting percentage. Also, junior Allison Boddy came up with 11 digs for the Bulldogs, while senior Greta Lisakka assisted on 42 of the Bulldogs 48 kills.

Sophomore Rachel Langseth was big on the defensive end for UMD, stuffing down two solo blocks and one block assist, while junior Alicia Meger recorded four total blocks in the match.

"We went into this weekend with definitely a good attitude," said Zwettler, who is the CoSIDA Academic All-District V second-team pick for the Bulldogs. "We knew these were both big match-ups for our team and we were ready to play as hard as we could."

On Saturday, the Bulldogs went into the final match of the season hoping to take the school's first NCC Championship.

"We knew our match-up for this game," said Jim Boos, head coach for the Bulldogs. "We were a little worried about how we were going to play our side of the net, but we knew we were well prepared for this game."

UMD again won quickly in three straight matches 30-26, 30-22 and 30-21. Zwettler led UMD with 18 kills during the win, adding to her career record, which is just now 16 kills away from a new UMD Career Kill Title. Zwettler also recorded four service aces and 11 digs. She now has 19 double-doubles on the season.

Other highlights for the Bulldogs included setter Lisakka, who had another strong game for the Bulldogs tallying

50 assists, five kills, five digs, two block assists and two service aces. Boddy also had a big game with 25 digs of her own to help in the victory. Meger had 11 kills for UMD and added four total blocks, while freshman Vicky Braegelmann added 10 kills.

"I feel we have done very well this year," said Zwettler, who commented on the final game. "Not only did we win most of our games and play well throughout the season, we also learned a lot in the process. We are continuing to learn about how a great group of people can come together and accomplish anything, if we put our minds to it."

The volleyball team will be credited with the school's first ever NCC win for UMD whom just entered the NCC this year.

"The team and staff should definitely be credited with this great accomplishment," said Boos. "They really worked hard this year and gave it all they could and because of that the whole team deserves this recognition."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Holquist wins first opening game as head coach

By ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

University of Minnesota Duluth men's basketball Head Coach Gary Holquist earned his first regular-season opening game victory of his career on Monday night as the Bulldogs defeated Bemidji State University, 90-77.

Holquist, who is entering his seventh season at the helm, replaced 2004 Bulldog hall-of-fame inductee Dale Race, who won a school-record 293 games during his tenure as head basketball coach of the Bulldogs.

Against BSU, the Bulldogs were without their prolific scorer from a year ago. Sean Seaman (16.1 ppg in 2003-04), who was declared as team captain for this season, was suspended from the game for an unspecified team infraction. He will miss the next game as well.

"This team has very good depth," Holquist said. "Players got opportunities that normally wouldn't get those chances."

Without Seaman and facing the curse of the opening game, perhaps Holquist needed something peculiar to take place to change his misfortune. He got it.

With the Beavers gripping

an 18-12 lead with 10:12 remaining in the first half, the game was briefly interrupted by a fire alarm. The cause of the delay was said to be burnt popcorn from the concession stand in the lobby just outside Romano Gymnasium. The gym was evacuated for approximately 10 minutes.

When play got back underway, BSU inflated their lead to an 11-point, 24-13, advantage.

It was at this point that the Bulldogs made their move.

UMD embarked on a 20-4 scoring spree to close the half, highlighted by precision on offense and an opportunistic defense. The Bulldogs forced BSU into eight turnovers during the first stanza.

"Offensively, we told ourselves to slow down and work to get a good shot," Bulldog starting forward Brian Foss said. "Once that happened, we settled down."

UMD's Jonathan Holden, a 6-8 transfer from North Idaho Junior College, got to the free-throw line 10 times throughout the game, including eight attempts in the first half via his dribble penetration. In his first start Holden was 8-for-10 in the game from the line and totaled 14 points.

"Holden is an excellent basketball player," Holquist said. "He fits very well into our system. He handles the ball and sees the floor really well."

At the end of the half, the Bulldogs' Ryan Breidenbach hoisted a 60-foot three-pointer that went through the net as time expired giving his team a 33-28 advantage at the break.

In the second half the Bulldogs saw a 14-point lead dwindle into single-digits as BSU rallied behind their playmaker, Derrick Beechum, who quickly scored 11 points in the first 10 minutes of the half. Beechum had 29 points in the game and was 8-for-14 from the floor.

Meanwhile, the duo of John Emerson and Foss combined for 35 points in the second half to keep the Beavers from completing their comeback. Foss recorded a double-double tallying 24 points and 13 rebounds (seven offensive boards) in the contest. Emerson, making his first start at UMD in place of the suspended Seaman, netted a team-high 26 points on 8-of-17 from the field.

Up next, the Bulldogs (1-0) will face Colorado Christian University Cougars on Friday in the Metro State Classic to be held in Denver, Colo. Tip-off is

set for 6 p.m.

The Bulldogs will again be without Seaman against CCU.

"Sean is a tough guy to replace," Emerson said. "We have to step up and make some shots."

CCU will be seeing their first regular season action on Saturday. They had a record of 19-9 in the 2003-04 season.

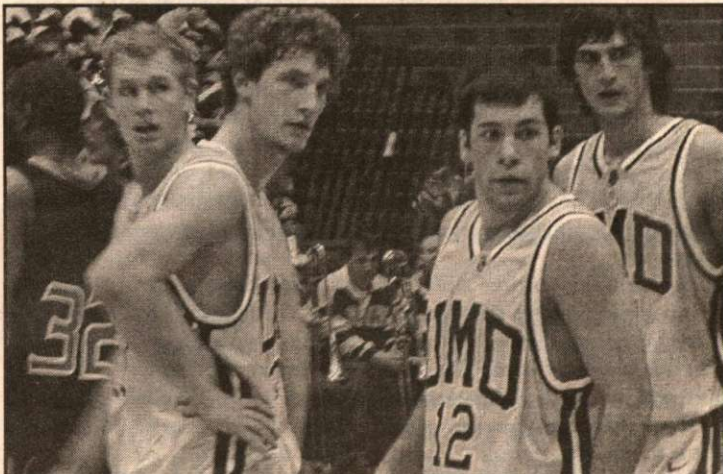
Holquist says that Seaman is slated to return for Saturday's 8:00 p.m. match-up against Metro State University. He was quick to point out, however, that it will be his

decision about when Seaman will make his 2004-05 regular season debut.

The No. 17 Metro State Roadrunners were NCAA Div. II Final Four participants last season finishing with a 32-3 record.

However, the Bulldogs handed Metro State one of their three losses last season on Nov. 29 with a 74-63 victory at Romano Gym.

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(From left-to-right) John Emerson, Brian Foss, Brian St. Peter and Jonathan Holden listen for Coach Holquist's orders before returning to the court against BSU Monday.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Bulldogs set to collide with No. 1 Gophers

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

A heated intrastate rivalry will be renewed when the 7-0-1 No. 3 Bulldogs travel to Minneapolis to face the 10-0-0 No. 1 University of Minnesota Golden Gophers this weekend in a battle of the undefeated.

UMD and the University of Minnesota join No. 4 Wisconsin as the only three WCHA teams to be ranked in the nation's top 10.

Almost two weeks ago, the Bulldogs defeated Wisconsin at the DECC winning games by the scores of 4-3 and 2-1.

UMTC is coming off a break as well. In their last ice action, they defeated the Ohio State University Buckeyes by the counts of 10-0 and 5-1.

Reigning as 2004 National Champions, the Gophers will take on a young, red-hot, emotionally charged Bulldogs squad.

"I'm very excited, it's great to look forward to playing them, it's our biggest test yet," said team captain Caroline Ouellette.

To this point in the season, Ouellette has been a scoring machine. She is averaging 3.00 points per game thus far.

It will undoubtedly be a big test. The UMTC has scored 66 goals in 10 games, an average of 6.6 goals a game. Duluth has 36 goals in eight games, a 4.5 average.

Noemie Marin has been through some tough battles in the past and she expects this series to be no different.

"I'm pretty pumped," Marin said. "It's going to be a good series. We always play good games."

UMD's defense has their work cut out for them, but perhaps the best defense is a good offense.

"We're going to try to test their defense and take our offense right back at them," said Ouellette.

However, that won't necessarily be an easy task. In 10 games, the Gophers have allowed just six goals. Last year's champions leave no question in anyone's mind what the team that will dethrone them will have to do. The Bulldogs will have to take advantage of scoring opportunities.

Goalie Riitta Schaublin was named USCHO.com Defensive Player of the Week, with 63 saves in two games against the Badgers two weeks ago. Marin was named Western Collegiate Hockey Association Offensive Player of the Week with 15 points, only having played in six games.

Schaublin is ranked No. 1 in winning percentage and is tied with Gopher goalie Jody Horak and four other netminders in that category.

"It's always an honor to be named for an award," said Marin, "but I think it's all about the line and my team, without them I couldn't have

this honor."

The three-headed scoring attack for the Gophers include Natalie Darwitz, Krissy Wendell and Kelly Stephens. Stephens leads the WCHA in points accounting for 42 of the 66 goals. For UMD, Ouellette is No. 4 on the list, managing 24 points with 10 goals and Marin is slowly climbing sitting at a tie for No. 9 on the list.

UMTC has only allowed one goal and scored 25 in the first period, the Bulldogs have scored 15 times in the first and only allowed three. The first period has been the most productive for both teams and this is where the game might be decided.

Furthermore, the Bulldogs are scoring on about 25 percent of their power play chances, while the Gophers are hitting on 43 percent.

UMD may get some help with stopping the Bulldogs on defense, though, because Suvi Vacker could make her 2004-05 season debut this weekend.

However, the Bulldogs have continued to be hurt by injuries. They recently learned they will be without transfer Rachael Bertram against the Gophers. The defensemen suffered a season ending shoulder injury.

The Bulldogs are off to a start reminiscent of national championships won in the past. They were National Champions of women's hockey in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

"We are very happy with our success because nobody expected us to do this well," said Ouellette. "Our team chemistry is good."

The most important factor on the ice is team chemistry and the heart to work hard on and off the ice.

"Our team chemistry is pretty good, we are working hard, the effort is there in practice and when we work out," Marin said.

Last season, UMD had a tough time with UMTC as they lost three-of-four games.

In those games, Ouellette accumulated eight points on three assists and five goals.

Marin also enjoyed success against UMTC. She accounted for three goals and dished out one assist throughout the four games played.

The all-time series between the rivals is 10-11-3 with the Gophers having a one-game edge. The winner of this series will take the lead in the WCHA and the loser will suffer their first defeat of the year.

"We are having fun and it's still the beginning of the season," Ouellette said. "We'll take what happens from this series and learn from it."

The two-game set will get underway Friday at 7:05 p.m. in Ridder Arena.

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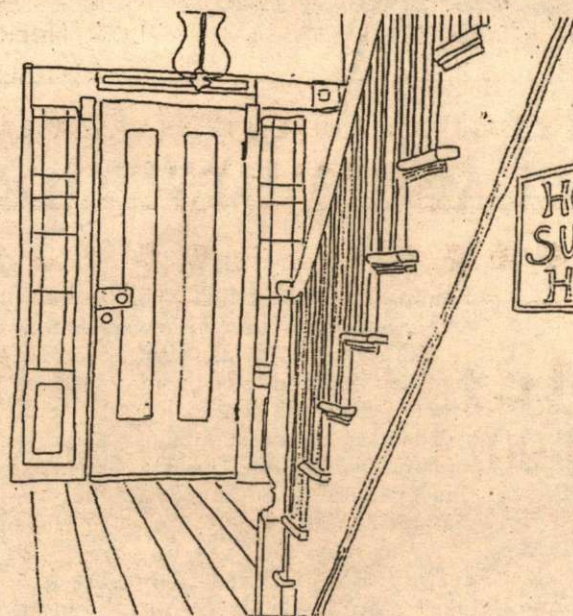


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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team expected to finish second in NCC

By SARA BECK
STAFF REPORTER

As newcomers to the North Central Conference this year, the UMD women's basketball team is predicted to finish second in the NCC preseason coaches' poll.

"Honestly, as an optimist, I think it shows a sign of respect for our team," said Head Coach Karen Stromme. "At the same time though, as a realist, preseason polls mean nothing to me."

This year the Bulldogs will join Augustana College, Minnesota State, Nebraska-Omaha, St. Cloud State, South Dakota and North Dakota in the NCC after being in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference last year.

The Bulldogs ended their 2003-04 regular season 20-11 overall and 9-7 within the

conference. After making it to the NCAA Division II Tournament, it was one and done for the women with a 73-54 loss to Concordia University-St. Paul in the first round.

"Early in the year, you are less worried with what your opponents are doing and more concerned with your own team," Stromme said.

This season the team will look for junior Lindsey Dietz to continue the breakout performance she had last year. Dietz, who missed eight games due to an injury, still led the team in rebounds (159) and points (457), over 100 points more than the next leading scorer.

The relatively young group of girls is looking to make a big splash in its new conference. Dietz is one of just eight upperclassmen on the team that includes eight freshmen, three

sophomores, five juniors and three seniors.

"Our team should be very strong again this year," said Dietz.

Regular season play began on Monday night in Houghton, Mich., against the Michigan Tech Huskies. Prior to the game Dietz emphasized what needed to be done to win against the Huskies.

"We need to be able to adapt to their different styles of defense, but more importantly, we just need to execute on offense," she said. "They are a team that really likes to drive on offense, so we need to play tough defense and be ready to help our teammates on the drives. Once again, rebounding will be a key."

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UMD is No. 1 seed

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For the Bulldogs, the win ended a season full of achievements for a team that seemed to upend the competition all year. Lisakka was named NCC Setter of the Week for her performance for the Bulldogs. She averaged 13.73 assists, 2.45 digs, 0.36 blocks and 0.27 service aces, while hitting .321.

On Nov. 10, the Bulldogs were honored with four members named to the 2004-2005 Academic All-North Central Conference Volleyball Team. Boddy, Lisakka, Zwettler and Julie Lenci were each named to the 16-member team. The foursome set a record for the most players from one team to be recognized.

"While the team has accomplished quite a bit this year, there is still a lot to think about," Boos said. "Now that we are in tournament play we have a lot tougher teams to face and a lot more to consider. As long as we play our side of the net we should continue to do well."

The Bulldogs ended the regular season with a 23-4 overall record and 10-2 record in the NCC. UMD will head down to the campus of Concordia-St. Paul for the 2004 NCAA North Central Regionals. This is the third straight season UMD has advanced to the NCAA tournament, which is a new school record.

The Bulldogs go into the tournament ranked No. 1 in the region and will play the No. 8 seed St. Cloud State University at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18. The Bulldogs and the Huskies have met on 81 occasions in the past, with UMD leading a 49-32 record over SCSU, including two wins earlier this season. This will be the first time that the two teams will meet in the postseason.

"We will prepare as we do for every game," said Zwettler. "What matters most is how our side of the net plays. If we do our jobs, nobody can stop us."

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Scott led the UMD attack

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That's just what the team did, until the second half. Despite somewhat of an offensive collapse in the last nine minutes of the game, the Bulldogs went on to beat the Huskies 73-66.

The Bulldogs took a 41-34 lead into halftime thanks to eight of the 11 three-pointers UMD had for the night. In the second half, the team continued its stellar game by going up 60-48. With 9:26 left in the game, however, the Bulldog's pretty much called it a night allowing the Huskies to gain ground on them quickly. Michigan Tech held the team to just six field goal attempts and forced seven turnovers.

Chelsey MacNeill of Michigan Tech single-handedly helped her team climb back into the game. With two minutes left, she made the first of two free throws and missed the second, but her teammate Amanda Sieja grabbed the offensive rebound and passed it

back to MacNeill allowing her to drain a three-pointer, making the score 67-63.

"They made some runs there at the end, but we held our ground and stayed strong," said Stromme.

Not only did Tanysha Scott lead the team in points with 21, her clutch free throw shooting saved the game for the Bulldogs. In the last 42 seconds she went to the line three times and made all six of her attempts.

"Tanysha did extremely well," Stromme said. "That's how you win or lose a game, at the line."

The Bulldogs committed 21 turnovers, but out-rebounded Michigan Tech 30-22 and held them to 47 percent shooting. The Bulldogs shot 56 percent from the field.

"If UMD keeps shooting like that they will be really hard to beat," Michigan Tech Head Coach John Barnes said.

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Zwettler nears individual milestone



THE BULLDOG RUNDOWN



By BEKA THOMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

With the regular season over for UMD women's volleyball and a prospective outlook for playoffs, senior **Callie Zwettler** has only 15 kills left to go. Zwettler, averaging 15 kills a game, will likely receive the honor of obtaining the career kills title after the match against St. Cloud this Thursday. The record is currently held by former Bulldog **Joleyn Young**, who recorded 1,697 kills during her career.

Zwettler is currently ranked No. 17 in the nation for kills per game (5.00).

That isn't the only career title Zwettler has been climbing the ranks in. She currently holds the No. 3 spot for career service aces at a count of 184.

She was also named a second team CoSIDA Academic All-District V last week. She received this honor for having accomplishments in both academics and athletics.

Men's hockey set to battle Brown University

The UMD men's hockey game has been pushed back this Friday due to the annual Christmas City of the North Parade. Originally scheduled for 7:07 p.m., the first puck is now set to drop at 7:37 p.m. against Brown University.

The Bulldogs are currently 5-3-2 overall and 4-2-0 in Western Collegiate Hockey Association play.

Four football players receive accolades

Last Friday, four UMD football players were named to the 2004 Football All-North Central Conference Team.

First team selections were linebacker **Russ Rabe** and defensive end **Geoff Fischer**. Rabe ended his UMD career with 29 all-time sacks and was the NCC's 2004 leader in tackles for a loss, averaging 1.58 per drive. Fischer led the NCC in sacks with 10.5 overall this year.

Second team selections were defensive back **Luke Jipson** and center **Adam Fechhelm**.

All four are seniors and will not return to the lineup next year.

Some players that received 2004 All-NCC honorable mention were defensive back **Tim Garceau** and wide receiver **Greg Aker**. Garceau had seven interceptions overall this season and Aker led the team with receptions (37), receiving touchdowns (4) and receiving yards (470).

NCAA Championships are this weekend for Cross Country team

Seven men, along with lone Bulldog woman competitor **Sara Frederickson**, will participate in the NCAA Div. II Championships this Saturday in Evansville, Ind. The men's 10K race will begin at 12 p.m.

and Frederickson will start her 6K race at 1:15 p.m. The races will be held at the University of Southern Indiana track.

Beka Thompson can be reached at thom1673@d.umn.edu.



ERIN HAWKINS/UMD STATESMAN

Senior Callie Zwettler (right) is recognized by her teammates prior to the start of last Saturday's senior night match against North Dakota. It was the final regular season game for seniors Greta Iisakka and Michaela Wuebben as well.

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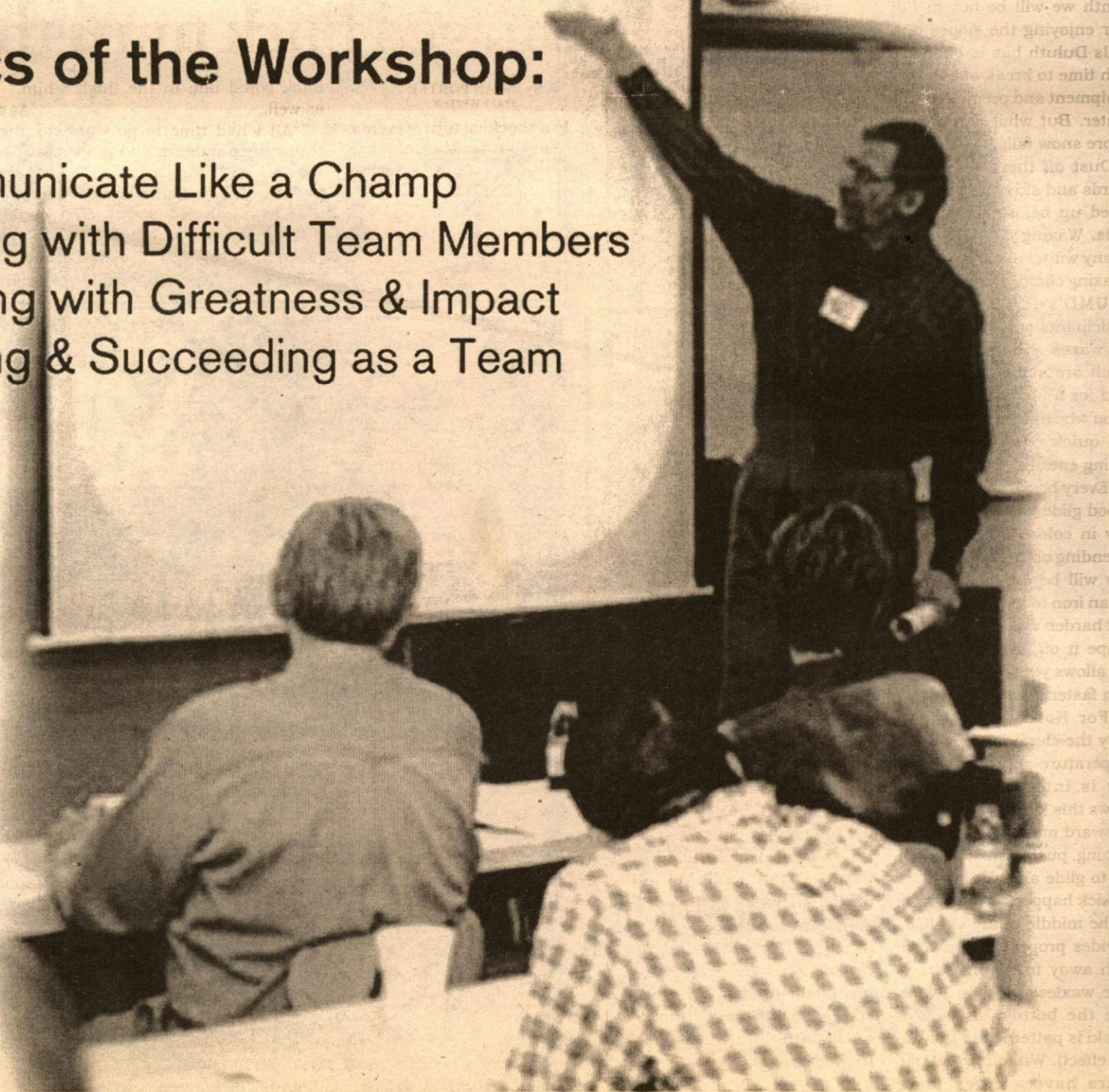
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- Dealing with Difficult Team Members
- Leading with Greatness & Impact
- Thriving & Succeeding as a Team



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*"The hounds all join in glorious cry,
The huntsman winds his horn:
And a-hunting we will go."*

-- Henry Fielding

Ski season primer

No snow yet, but that's no excuse

By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF REPORTER

As the days shrink and the temperature drops, one thing sits in the back of my mind, emerging only when I let it. Maybe it's because of the last few disappointing years or maybe it's because I don't want to annoy my roommate with my enthusiasm. But it is there nonetheless. Yes, folks, the arrival of ski season is soon and I certainly will not be missing out on a moment of it.

Whether you are a downhill skier or a Nordic skier (I happen to be both), or even a snowboarder, you can understand where I am coming from. In less than a month we will be out in full gear enjoying the slopes and trails Duluth has to offer. It's high time to break out the old equipment and prepare for the winter. But what can one do before snow falls?

Dust off the boots, poles, boards and skis and get them tuned up before you hit the trails. Waxing is a key factor for any winter sport and today a waxing clinic is being offered by UMD's RSOP program. Participants will learn how to use waxes and related tools, which are skills that can be used for a lifetime. For those of you who didn't register, here is a quick overview of what waxing entails:

- Every board and ski needs a good glide wax. Glide waxes vary in colors and hardness depending on the temperature they will be exposed to. You use an iron to melt the wax on, let it harden and cool and then scrape it off. Basically, glide wax allows your board/skis to skim faster over the snow.

- For Nordic skiers who enjoy the classical technique, temperature-appropriate kick wax is integral. Everyone knows this kind of skiing - it's a forward motion, kind of like running, pushing off with your feet to glide ahead. How does the kick happen? A sticky wax on the middle of the ski base provides proper resistance to push away from (unless you have waxless skis, in which case the bottom surface of the ski is patterned to provide this effect). Without it, classic skiers have a much more difficult time trying to move.



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The snow will come soon; just be patient.

- If you want to purchase wax equipment, you'll need: a waxing bench, an iron (and not the one you use on your clothes), waxes, brushes, scrapers, wax remover (Citrusol is a good one) and a couple of Warren Miller movies. Why the movies, you ask? Waxing can get boring and Miller's amazing ski films will keep you entertained as you wait for your wax to cool.

- There are many areas to ski around Duluth besides Spirit Mountain (they already started making snow!) but the trick is to find them. For downhill skiers and snowboarders, Chester Bowl and Lutsen are nearby. Bagley Nature Center, Snowflake, Hartley Park and many other trail systems await Nordic skiers. It is a good idea to become familiar with area trails before snow arrives. Getting lost isn't as easy when you know your territory.

The last major thing you need to take care of is the most important piece of equipment: your body. You can't expect a stellar season after a long year of eating pizza and partying. Get off your lazy butt and get outside! Exercising a few times a week will help you improve your skills on and off the snow, as well as help safeguard against any future injuries. Beer guts and the related muscle atrophy are invitations for disaster on the slopes, so start your training today. After you finish that High Life, of course.

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Deer season 2004

By TOM HAZELTON
OUTDOORS EDITOR

Across the state, hunters are getting their deer. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the 2004 season promises to be among the top years on record for total deer harvested. There is one weekend left, so hunters who haven't gotten lucky yet still have a shot.

The Statesman is still accepting entries for the unofficial Big Buck Contest. The only requirement is that they be genuine and outdoors-related.

Drop off your stories or photos in *The Statesman's* office or e-mail them to haze0032@d.umn.edu.



DOUG DANIELSON/GUEST CONTRIBUTOR
*This nice typical eight-pointer, the first photographic entry in *The Statesman's* unofficial Big Buck Contest, was taken opening morning by UMD student Dave Danielson.*

Enraged buck turns the tables

By BRIAN PORTER
STAFF WRITER

In a shocking turn of events, 69-year-old Jim Mick of North Vernon, Ind., was attacked by a deer on Nov. 8.

Mick was bowhunting alone in Decatur County, Ind. when a deer he estimated at about 150 pounds leapt at him from a brush patch in an unusually aggressive maneuver.

"He came out of the tall grass and briars," Mick said in an Associated Press story. "When I realized it, he was on me already."

The animal plowed into Mick head-on, delivering a blow to his chest that left him lying on the ground. During the course of the attack, the

buck gored him in the thigh as well.

"All I had time to do was throw my hands up and grab his antlers," he stated.

The struggle between man and beast lasted about 10 minutes, after which Mick was able to get a tree between himself and the deer, which somehow caused it to retreat. Mick then proceeded to fashion a makeshift bandage for his leg, limp to his vehicle and call for help.

Animal activists will be happy to note that the deer escaped unharmed.

"It was probably a draw, but I think I got the worst of it," said Mick. "I don't think he had any gouge marks on

him."

As any bowhunter will attest to, the victim in this case had little or no chance of shooting the ballistic buck. Even the elf from "The Lord of the Rings" would have been in trouble.

It seems that the deer may be getting tired of dodging our arrows. We can only hope that our favorite animal rights groups (like PETA) will take this into account the next time they whine and complain about the lack of fair chase in hunting. It takes grit to stand your ground while being charged by an angry whitetail.

Brian Porter can be reached at port0192@d.umn.edu.

Outdoors Q&A

This letter was received in response to last week's story "Enormous buck taunts hunter."

Hi,

Since when is 140-160 lbs. a big buck? I am just wondering because where I come from (which is not far from Duluth) that is an average sized buck, maybe even going on small. An enormous buck is 200 lbs. plus. I'll give you that 10 points is a nice sized rack, but still that's a small body, which means it's probably a small 10 points, like a basket rack. So, in conclusion, let's not try to make something huge out of nothing.

-- Samantha Parks, CLA student

Samantha,

You are correct that a 140, 150 or even a 160-pound buck is on the small side of average for whitetail bucks in this area. However, Mr. Tabatt was not talking about the deer's field-

dressed weight - he was referring to what he guessed the buck's "Boone and Crockett" score might have been.

The Boone and Crockett scoring system uses the length of the antler tines and beams in order to come up with a composite score - basically all the inches of antler a buck has managed to grow.

In order to qualify for the B & C record books, a typical whitetail buck must score 160 B & C or better. Anything approaching that number in this region would likely be considered a trophy buck.

And while Mr. Tabatt, like all hunters, is probably susceptible to exaggeration to some degree, a buck even in the 140s-class is still a sight to behold - especially in one's front yard.

Got an outdoors-related question or comment? Send it in to haze0032@d.umn.edu. If we don't know the answer, we'll put you in touch with someone who does.

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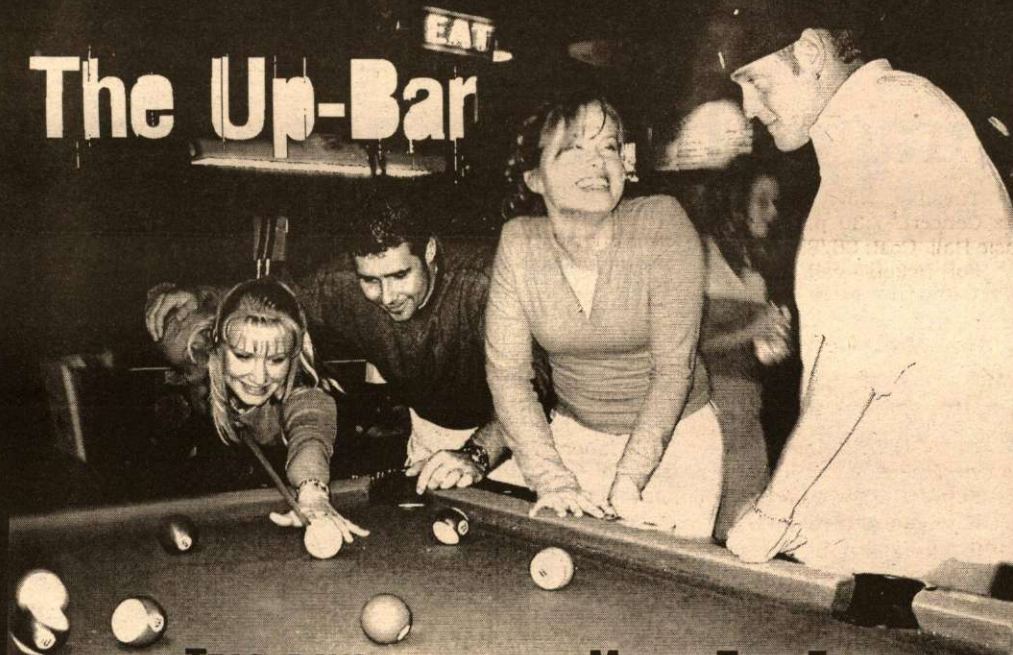
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Recruiting!

Peer Education Program (PEP) is recruiting. We're the Condom Man people and we need new members for spring semester. \$75 cash stipend, fun campus events, education, friends and good times. Only committed students need apply.

Contact Lauretta Perry at lperry@d.umn.edu or Shelly Decaigny at sdecaign@d.umn.edu.

Geology Seminar

"Estimating Dispersion and Exchange in the Chesapeake Bay" will be presented by Dr. Jay Austin, Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va., today at 4 p.m. in LSci 175.

Tweed Museum

Through Dec. 19 - UMD Art and Design Faculty Exhibition.

Through Jan. 23 - Architectural Art & The Process of Design: Recent Projects by Northern Minnesota Architects.

Smokers: Interested in Quitting?

Earn money for participation in a University of Minnesota research project on the effects of abstinence from smoking on blood pressure and cortisol. The project is conducted at the UMD School of Medicine.

Please call 726-8896 for further screening and information.

International Education Week

International Education Week is a national event that will take place the week of Nov. 15-22. There are a number of events that the International Student Advisor's Office and International Education Office have planned for that week.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - International Taste of UMD, 4 p.m., Hope United Methodist Church, 301 W. St. Marie Street.

For information, contact Maria Vuldjeva, at KPlz 138, mvuldjev@d.umn.edu or 726-6673.

Lecture: Conspiracy Theories

UMD Professor James H. Fetzer will present "Conspiracy Theories: JFK and Wellstone. What do we know about their deaths?" Friday, Nov. 19, from 7-10:30 p.m. in Chem 200.

Fetzer, McKnight professor of philosophy, has published three books on the death of JFK and now a fourth, "American Assassination" on the death of Senator Paul Wellstone.

For more information contact Fetzer at 726-7269 or e-mail jfetzer@d.umn.edu.

Bare Bones Dance Concert

UMD Theatre presents "Bare Bones" Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in MPAC.

This dance concert features 15 dynamic original dance creations from young aspiring choreographers. The pieces range from classically based works through modern dance, jazz and hip-hop and rhythm tap.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

For more information, call 726-8561.

Student Art Show

The Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibit of Jenny Lee Kampinen and Katie Seaburg will be held through Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Tweed Museum of Art.

Geography Awareness Week

The Department of Geography invites you to attend Geography Awareness Week, a fun-filled week of activities and learning opportunities.

Test your geography knowledge with the Geography Quiz all week, 3rd floor Cina Hall.

Today - Mike Mageau, Dept of Geography and student research team, "Renewable Energy on Tribal Lands," noon, K311.

Friday, Nov. 19 - Results of Geography Quiz.

Saturday, Nov. 20 - Queer Twin Ports Tour with Larry Knopp,

Dept. of Geography, 10 a.m. until late afternoon. Free and open to the public. Registration required, limited number of seats available. Please call 726-6300 for more information and/or to register for the tour.

LIVE WIRE

...UMD's new nightclub. Hitting the scene Nov. 20.

International Brown Bag

"Women's Rights and Constitutional Change in Kenya" will be presented by Sarah Fries, a UMD student majoring in International Studies and Political Science, today at noon in the Rafters.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, "Natural History of Norway" will be presented by Nancy Brown, a UMD student who participated in a Study Abroad program that focuses on the rich, natural history of Norway.

Music

Tonight - All Jazz!, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

Sunday, Nov. 21 - UMD Bands on the Go, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

Tuesday, Nov. 23 - Percussive Notes, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - Vocal Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

For tickets, call 218-726-8877.

Student Web Contest 2005

Win \$\$\$\$\$. Up to five \$500 awards will be given.

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. The project is to develop a Web site for an undergraduate course and/or Web based materials for an undergraduate course. The deadline for submission is Friday, Jan. 28, 2005.

Each student must have an identified faculty or departmental sponsor.

For details on the contest and to submit your site, please go to: www.d.umn.edu/itss/etrg/webcontest.html.

If a student is interested and needs a faculty or department sponsor, or if the faculty or departmental sponsor is looking for a student, please call Sheri Pihlaja at 726-6975 or e-mail spihlaja@d.umn.edu.

Math Colloquium

"Who is the Greatest Quarterback of All Time?" will be presented by Robert Genisot, UMD graduate student, Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, today at 2:45 p.m. in SCC 130. (Note the starting time is earlier than usual).

N.A. Awareness Week

Anishinaabe Student Organization's (ASO) events for N.A. Awareness Week are:

Tonight - Storytelling; Hoop Dancers; Drumming, 6-9 p.m., Kirby Ballroom.

Geography

"Geographies of Sexuality: A Queer Tour of the Twin Ports" will take place Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be a break for food, but you must buy your own. There is no charge for this event.

Learn about the diversity of local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other "queer" lives and spaces. Sites on the tour include social service agencies, private homes, commercial establishments and more. Tour preceded by a brief lecture and discussion about geography and sexuality.

Advance registration required; spaces are limited. For registration and other information, call 726-6300. (In accordance with state and local statutes, entry to certain locations requires accompanying parent or legal guardian for persons under 21 years of age.)

Biology Seminar

"Developing Indicators of Aquatic Ecosystem Conditions

From Landscape and Biotic Data" will be presented by Dr. Lucinda Johnson, Center for Water & Environment, UMD-NRRI, Friday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. in LSci 185.

Student Grief Group

The Student Grief Group meets Wednesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. in K361.

Anime Club

The Anime Club meets Sundays from 6-10 p.m. in MonH 8. For information, contact anime_umd@yahoo.com.

The Foreign Language Film Series

The Foreign Language Film Series about Struggle for Dignity: Exile, Immigration, Deportation and Alienation presents "Dupont Lajoie" (Yve Boisset, 1974) Thursday, Nov. 18, at 4:30 p.m. in Cina 306.

Introduction and discussion will be presented by Milan Kovacovic, associate professor of French.

The Discourse of Op-Ed

The Discourse of "Opinion" Letters: Cultivating a Critical Community Voice will be presented by Susan Perala-Dewey, UMD Dept. of Composition, Friday, Nov. 19, at noon in SpHC 212.

Newspaper opinion page commentary, especially from local folks, often carries a reputation of resident whining. Find out why one UMD Composition instructor believes in capitalizing on op-ed pages as a critical forum for public discourse and how regular submissions have helped develop her writing and voice as community activist.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Dinner will be offered free of charge Monday, Nov. 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Hope United Methodist Church, 301 W. St. Marie St.

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